

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 13th October, 2024

THE EYE OF A NEEDLE

What do you hold as most important in your life? Jesus seems to be asking us this question as he talks to the rich young man in the gospel. He tells this man to value the kingdom of God over worldly things. He should sell his possessions for him to inherit the kingdom of God. The young man is saddened because he is not ready to detach himself from his riches. Jesus uses this opportunity to drive home a teaching as he talks about "the eye of the needle."

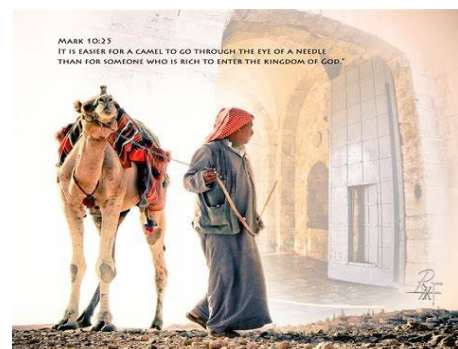
The "eye of the needle" was a language very familiar to people in the time of Jesus. When we hear these words with a literal frame of mind we think of a sewing needle and a string or thread. This is not what Jesus is talking about, even though for us it still makes sense that a Camel cannot go through that tiny eye of the needle.

The eye of the needle, mentioned in the parable, was one of the several gates that provided passage through the city of Jerusalem's massive walls. The "Needle Gate" was used when the city's main gates were closed at night. Those coming into the city 'after hours' could only enter through the smaller gate(s), otherwise known as "the eye of the needle." It was designed for security reasons so that enemies could not simply ride into the city on their camels or horses and attack. The gate was so small that a man would have to offload his Camel of all that it was carrying and then carefully lead it through this small gate.

It was a slow and difficult task. You can see that it would indeed be difficult for a Camel to get through that same gate. So while "eye of the needle" seems proverbial to us, it was a language very familiar to Jesus' listeners since they already knew what he was talking about the moment he mentioned it.

Jesus did not dislike the rich young man in the parable for being materially wealthy, but he did sense his emptiness and search for a greater purpose, even after following all the commandments. So, Jesus told him that to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, he needed to disentangle himself from his wealth first like you would have to offload all that was on a camel's back to get through the eye of the needle. Unfortunately, the rich young man in the parable was not willing to offload his back and he missed out on what his heart was looking for.

For us, Jesus makes this point. The kingdom of God has a narrow gate "the eye of the needle." For us to access it, we have to make ourselves small by discarding the entire luggage that does not go with the reality of heaven. He asks us to share what we have with the poor, not in a way that we remain with nothing ourselves, but that our gesture could make other people's lives, who are less privileged, better. One who serves the poor serves Christ and secures a place in heaven for himself. To serve the poor is to put Christ before everything else. Riches are nothing without Christ. They come and vanish without a trace.



Priest on Duty: 13th October, 2024
Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

12th Oct: No intention booked.
19th Oct: Carmel Collins, Roslevan. 1st Anniv.
 Mary O'Dea, Creggaun.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

13th Oct: No intention booked.
20th Oct: Tommy Sheedy, Ennis & Doora.
 Sean Meats, Tulla & Ros na Leamhán.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

13th Oct: Sally McNamara, Barefield.
20th Oct: Pappy & Delia Hogan, Templemaley.
 Kathleen McNamara, Ballyalla.

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

Finance Development Fund
6th September

Barefield: €365
 Doora: €96
 Church of Our Lady: €85
 Development: €4,014

Míle buiochas

Autumn Priests Collection

Thank you to all who contributed to the Priests' Autumn Collection. You can still contribute to this collection. Envelopes are available in the porches of our three churches or you can use your own envelope. You can also donate on line in a safe and secure way via our parish website using the Donate tab. We thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

REST IN PEACE



Maureen Derrane,
 The Crescent,
 Lifford, Ennis,
 Mother of Gráinne Barron, Newpark
 & Peadar Derrane,
 Knockaderry, Tulla Rd.



*Goodbyes are for those who love with their eyes.
 Because for those who love with their heart & soul
 there is no separation.*



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

COur Lady: SGarvey/PMockler	Olive Harvey
Doora: Mary Barry	Eamon O'Halloran
Barefield MOLoughin/BGalvin	Tara Donnellan

Next week:

COur Lady: SGarvey/PMockler	James O'Connor
Doora: Anne Marie Custy	Nuala Conlan
Barefield Carmel McGovern	

Doora Sacristan Rota

13th Oct: Margaret Liddy
20th Oct: Mary Enright

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
12th & 19th October: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

Cleaners for Doora Church



We are trying to establish a rota of cleaners who will, over the coming months, take charge of the internal cleaning of Doora church. The recent refurbishment leaves us extremely proud

of what has been achieved but we need to maintain this high standard of cleanliness into the future. If you would like to cooperate in the work of internal maintenance, please give your name to Cora Burke or Anne-Marie Custy and we will include you in the rota going forward.

World Mission Sunday 20th October



Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Mission Collection: Collection in aid of the Missions is being taken up at all masses in our parish next weekend 19th and 20th October.

Please use the white envelope in your yearly pack or an envelope of your own to make your contribution. Many thanks for your generosity and continued support

Tax Back Scheme for Eligible Charities

Our Parish is an Eligible Charity within above Scheme. All donations of €250 and over from both PAYE Tax Payers and Self-employed Persons qualify for a Tax Refund of 31%.

This Tax Refund can now only be claimed by a qualifying Charity. A Tax claim form was completed by many eligible Parishioners and this form extends for a five year period. We have now sent out a Tax Claim form to all Parishioners who are eligible this year or may not have returned the completed form in 2019 or previous years. We would urge you to return it before the 31st October deadline. We sincerely thank all of you our Parishioners for your continued generous donations to our Parish and your diligent completion of the necessary forms to enable us reclaim this Tax which now forms a very important part of our annual income.

**Celebrating 150 years of faith and community
150th Anniversary of
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield**



Thank you to all who assisted in making the 150th Anniversary of Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield, a great success.

Publication on history of Barefield Church on sale after Mass this weekend in our three Churches and also at parish office at €10 per copy. Limited edition. Collector's Item. **An ideal present for the Parish diaspora.**

Barefield Winter Walkers

Meet every Tuesday and Thursday, just turn up.7pm . Meet, Barefield Village, across from Church, near the Memorial Garden (wear HI-Vis vest/jacket). Fully lit up circle of Barefield village, Tuesdays & Thursdays

one round = approx 1km, 15 mins/ 1,500 steps
two rounds = approx. 2km, 30 mins/ 3,000 steps
(you choose)

All welcome, join us for a walk, chat, company, a laugh
Wear clothes/shoes appropriate for the weather.



Clare Roots Society Talk on Thursday October 17th at Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782 at 7.30p.m.

Lecture: "Census and Population Records in the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland" by Dr Brian Gurrin.



Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Hester Forde RHSI, on Tuesday the 15th October, at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis, doors open at 7.30pm and garden talk commences at 8.15 pm sharp €10 non members, all are welcome, plants raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com



Interested in becoming a Community First Responder? Critical charity are hosting an information evening in Treacey's Hotel Thursday 24th October at 7pm sharp

Open Evening

Ennis Community College and Gaelcholáiste an Chláir will hold an Open Evening for prospective first year students, their parents and guardians on Tuesday 15th October at 7:00 pm. Come and meet our team and view our facilities. Further information is available on www.harmonyrowcampus.com or contact 065-6829432.



*In the entire circle of the year
there are no days so delightful
as those of a fine October.*



Golden Leaves



We see signs of summer's passing
in golden leaves, shortening days,
misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill,
harvest's bounty placed on show.
Creator God,
who brings forth both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed.
And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

Author Unknown

October, Month of the Rosary



“The Rosary supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men; and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from almighty God.”

St. Louis de Montfort

Urgent Blood Donor Clinic

An Amber blood supply warning was issued to all Irish hospitals in recent days. This requires hospitals to conserve their blood supply.

At 7 am Tuesday morning the Irish Blood Transfusion Service followed up by issuing a nationwide appeal for Blood Donors.

Please support the Clinic at **West County Hotel**, Ennis
Wednesday 16th & Wednesday 23rd October
4.50pm - 8.10pm
New Donors welcome

Please call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €10,800

Venue: Clubhouse,

Winners of €50

Kevin Barry Moyriesk,
Declan Hannan Toureen,
Joe Keary Gort Rd,
Karen O'Connor Barefield



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

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 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given
me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom
came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and
thrones; compared with her, I held riches
as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone
to be her peer, for compared with her, all
gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her
silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than
health or beauty, preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to
me, at her hands riches not to be
numbered.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Response:

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

R

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune

R

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

R

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Heb 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and
active; it cuts like any double-edged sword
but more finely: it can slip through the place
where the soul is divided from the spirit, or
joints from the marrow; it can judge the
secret emotions and thoughts. No created
thing can hide from him; everything is
uncovered and open to the eyes of the one
to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to
mere children.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a
man ran up, knelt before him and put this
question to him, 'Good master, what must I
do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him,
'Why do you call me good? No one is good
but God alone. You know the
commandments: You must not kill; You must
not commit adultery; You must not steal; You
must not bring false witness; You must not
defraud; Honour your father and mother.'
And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all
these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked
steadily at him and loved him, and he said,
'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell
everything you own and give the money to
the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face
fell at these words and he went away sad,
for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples,
'How hard it is for those who have riches to
enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples
were astounded by these words, but Jesus
insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how

hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is
easier for a camel to pass through the eye
of a needle than for a rich man to enter the
kingdom of God.' They were more
astonished than ever. 'In that case' they
said to one another, 'who can be saved?'
Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it
is impossible, but not for God: because
everything is possible for God'.
Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he
asked him. 'We have left everything and
followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you
solemnly, there is no one who has left
house, brothers, sisters, father, children or
land for my sake and for the sake of the
gospel who will not be repaid a hundred
times over, houses, brothers, sisters,
mothers, children and land - not without
persecutions - now in this present time and,
in the world to come, eternal life.'

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 rich suffer want and go hungry,
But those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.**