

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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First Sunday of Advent Year C 1st December, 2024

Advent is a Time to Prepare to Receive Jesus

The first Sunday of Advent we begin a new liturgical year. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord, and one of the key themes of the season is watchful waiting. The season of Advent is a time of waiting, which traditionally is defined as preparation. Advent provides a wonderful opportunity to consider what is going on inside me, to reflect on the reason for our waiting: the arrival of Jesus, the arrival of love, in our hearts in ever-new ways.

A Season of Hope

During this season, we light the First Candle on the Advent Wreath, symbolizing hope. Hope is not merely wishful thinking; it is a confident expectation that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the midst of 'dark clouds over the sky', what gets lost is Hope- a hope in a better world, a hope in overcoming the situation, a hope in life and a hope in the lord. As messengers of Hope, we are called to be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

Slow Down To Silence the Distractions

In the busyness of our lives, it's easy to lose sight of the spiritual significance of Advent. Sometimes due to our weakness we lose sight of god and lose hope. It's a season which invites us to slow down, to silence the distractions, silence the unpleasant dreams and to turn our hearts and minds toward God's presence and also to wake from the slumber. Advent invites us to cultivate a spirit of

watchfulness, not just for the signs of Christ to return, but for the opportunities God places before us daily to grow in Faith, Hope and Love. And to be faithful servants.

As we embark on this Advent journey, let us take time to reflect on the state of our hearts. Have we become complacent in our faith? Have we allowed sin to create distance between us and God? Have we been into a deep slumber failing to see the need to help the others? It is a time to wake up, be watchful and be engaged in our God given responsibilities zealously.

This season offers us a chance to reset, to rekindle the flame of our devotion, and to recommit ourselves to a life of discipleship and wait eagerly like a faithful servant, for the birth of the Redeemer. As we light the first Candle of the Advent Wreath, let it symbolize the light of Christ illuminating our hearts and guiding us through this season of preparation without losing hope.



Priest on Duty: 1st December, 2024
Contact: Fr. Ger Jones- Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY
 ROSLEVAN**

30th Nov: Baby Aaron O'Brien, Tulla.
 Dessie Smith.
7th Dec: Tommy Kearney, Roslevan.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

1st Dec: Joe & Nancy Byrnes, Finanagh.
 Brendan Molloy, Moyriesk.
8th Dec: Frank O'Connor, Kilbricken.,
 Tony Mangan, Kilbricken.
 Mary & Patrick Hannon, Ardsolus.
 Christy Reddan, Cappahard.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

1st Dec. Rose Lahiffe, Ballymaley 1st Anniversary;
 Joe Conlon, Ballymacon;
 Patricia & Frank Flaherty, Gort Rd.
6th Dec 7pm: Johnny Perrill, Barefield.
8th Dec: Una Quinlivan, Ballymaley.
 Nuala Teasdale (nee Fitzgerald),
 Leeds & Clonkerry.

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

Finance Development Fund
24th November
 Barefield: €166
 Doora: €137
 Church of Our Lady: €1560q
 Development: €760
Mile buiochas



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Monica O'Loughlin (née Phelan),
 Cappahard, Tulla Road,

Brendan Mullen,
 Newpark Roslevan

John Liddy,
 Shepperton, Newmarket-on-Fergus
 Brother of Martin Liddy,
 Jasper's Pound, Doora.

The Light of Heaven to them



**Ministers of Eucharist
 & Readers**



This week:

Cour Lady: DLeahy/MO'Callaghan	Bridget Hoey
Doora: Mary Barry	Seamus Enright
Barefield: CLeamy/MRowland	Margaret Carden

Next week:

Cour Lady: DLeahy/MO'Callaghan	Bridget Hoey
Doora: Anne Marie Custy	Michael Cusack
Barefield: NKennedy/LCorcoran	David Culligan

Doora Sacristan Rota

1st Dec: Martha Neylon 8th Dec: Teresa Hallinan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

30th Nov: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor
 7th Dec Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquets



Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquets (€3 each) with image of each of our three churches will be available in Parish Office from Monday 2nd December and also in our three churches.



First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 6th December at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Programme

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*The extraordinary thing that is about
 to happen is matched only
 by the extraordinary moment
 just before it happens.*



ADVENT
is the name of that moment.

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

Clare Roots Society
Book Launch 'The People of High Street and Parnell Street, formerly Mill Street, Ennis' by Lucille Ellis in association with C.R.S.

Remembrance Mass on Thursday 5th December in The Cathedral, Ennis at 7.30 followed by Book launch at 8.15p.m. in Maria Assumpta Hall on grounds of Cathedral at 8.15p.m. All Welcome.



Cantare Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert featuring seasonal favourites, classics you know and love such as pieces from Ennio Morricone's soundtrack from The Mission, along with some

uniquely Irish traditional contributions from the pen of Irish composer, Shaun Davey, and many more.

December 20th, 8.15pm, SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, Ennis - a very special start to your Christmas!

Tickets available online at www.glor.ie or from Glór box office - 065 6843103. In support of Samaritans, Clare. See you there!

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Jane O Dwyer, Tipperary, for our Christmas Demonstration and our Christmas sales table on Tuesday December 3rd, at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis,.

Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Christmas Spirit Annual Christmas Concert

Annual Christmas Concert - Regina Nathan, Soprano with Michael Hennessy, Piano at St. Columba's Church of Ireland, Bindon Street, Ennis on Saturday 7th December at 8pm.

Booking www.reginanathan.com; tel. 087 918 8222. Tickets €30.

Update on Works in Doora Village

Clare County Council in consultation with the Doora Community Development Group is undertaking works including a footpath from the entrance to Noughaval Drive to the side entrance of the church for public safety and to avoid flooding in certain areas. Works include drainage, installation of a footpath, signs for Doora Village and reintroduction of the digital speed signs. These welcomed improvements are aimed at making Doora Village a safer place for the community and its residents to walk safely. Thank you for your patience while the work is going.



Abbey Pastoral Area Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday 16th December at 7.30pm
Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis.

'Blessed are the Peacemakers'
Mt. 5:9



You are welcome to come along and receive the peace of Christ in preparation for Christmas.

Priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent



Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!
Lift our eyes up to see that you alone
are where our hope comes from.

Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements,
and distractions that have filled this year.
May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

You know the end of our stories,
and we give thanks because you have promised
that it will be a victorious ending.
Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.
We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season.

Renew our sense of holy anticipation!
Let us be those who are waiting eagerly
for Jesus to come again.
More than anything,
we ask that you be glorified
in this season of expectation. Amen.



Michael Donnellan Entertainment
Presents "Danceperados of Ireland" an
authentic Irish dance production Glor,
Ennis Dec 7th at 8pm, Dec 8th at 4pm
and 8pm
Tickets from Glor.ie Tel: 0656843103

Doora Charity Tractor Run

Mile Buióchas

The sum of €8,000 was raised in the recent Doora Charity Run. Proceeds go to Sláinte an Chláir and Milford Care Centre. Thank you all for your support.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €12,200

Venue: Clubhouse,

Winners of €50

Pat Nash, Tulla Rd,
Dan O'Connor, Doora,
Michael Cullinan, Doora
Sarah McMahon, Doora



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 Jeremiah

Jr 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:
'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his ways to the poor.

R.

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.
'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and

that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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 Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.**