

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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year C) 29th December, 2024

THE GIFT OF FAMILY

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Fortunately, most of us value the gift of family, and understand its importance for both society and church. We live in a fast-paced world, some with more than one job in order to make ends meet. It is so easy to get lost in our day to day living. And when that happens, we may neglect the family while we work to provide for them.

Some of us can remember a song by Harry Chapin, recorded many years ago. It was called "The Cat's in the Cradle." It was a ballad about the relationship between a father and son. The father spent his time and energies making a successful living. The son kept asking for his attention, to be able to share his father's life. "When you coming home, Dad?" The son would repeatedly ask. Only to receive the reply, "I don't know when, but we will get together then." As the boy grew up and the father grew wiser, he began to pose the same questions, "When you coming home son?" Only to receive the sadly predictable reply, "I don't know, Dad, but we will get together then."

How many of us will be here with our families next Christmas? You can't guarantee it. All we have is time, and usually less than we think. Family life is about dreams, dreams of the future for your children, dreams of a happy family, dreams of success, dreams of a better year, dreams of a future of love, family, hope, and peace in the world.

Dreaming is fine, but enabling dreams to happen with and for others is what life is all about and what ultimately satisfies most. We cannot control the future completely. What we can do is

continue in good times and in bad to have the patient faithfulness of Simeon, & Anna, and the acceptance and faith of Mary and Joseph. All of these set the context for the coming of Jesus and for his message to the people of His time and to us.

Today think of how much you still need to do with and for your family. If you have accomplished some of your dreams in life tell someone else how you did it. If you lead your life the right way, in faithfulness to God, the dreams will come to you. Jesus was the best of all dreams to come true. It is up to us to make the Jesus dream come true for others as well. Our responsibility extends from our immediate family to the wider community. The Church teaches that the common good is what we all must work toward. Faithful patience means we never give up trying to make things better and never give up sharing our experience of Jesus with others.



Priest on Duty: 29th December, 2024
Contact: Fr. Martin Blake - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

29th Dec: Mary & Noel Murphy, Dublin
4th Jan: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

29th Dec: Helen Liddy, Blackweir, Castlefergus,
Newmarket-on-Fergus, MM & burial of Ashes
In Doora Church Grounds at 1pm.
5th Jan: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

29th Jan: No intention booked.
3rd Jan 7pm: James, Bridget & Seamus Cahir, Ballyduff.
5th Jan: Maura & Joe Cullinan, Ballycoree Hse, Gort Rd.
Michael Buddy Purcell, Ballyduff.

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



First Friday Mass of the year at Church of the
Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 3rd 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.

Parish Office Re-Opening

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

Finance Development Fund 22nd December
Barefield: €157; Doora: €154;
Church of Our Lady: €237; Development Fund 855
Míle buíochas

REST IN PEACE

Sean O'Boyle,
Castlerock, Tulla Road, Ennis & Connolly.

Gerry Arthur, Inagh
& formerly of Creggaun, Doora.

Paul Cusack,
Shannon & Newmarket-on-Fergus
Brother of Mike, Deerpark, Doora.

The Light of Heaven to Them All.



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

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

Next week:

Cour Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire	Jimmy O'Loughlin
Doora: Owen O'Mahony	Nuala Conlon
Barefield: MRowland/CLeamy	Sinead Roseingrave

Doora Sacristan Rota

29th Dec: Mary Hallinan
5th Jan: Seamus Enright

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

28th Dec: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath
4th Jan: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor.

A Prayer for the New Year



May you awake each morning
with 'thank you' on your lips
and in your heart,
recognizing that all is gift,
that all is blessing.

May your friendship with God
be strong and healthy.
May that love be both a comfort
and a challenge
as you struggle to find your way
in the New Year.

May you be the one
with welcome in your smile
and hello etched upon your hand,
the hand you extend to everyone
who blesses you with presence.

Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Priests' Christmas Collection Thank You.

Thank you for your generosity to all who contributed to the Priests Christmas Collection.

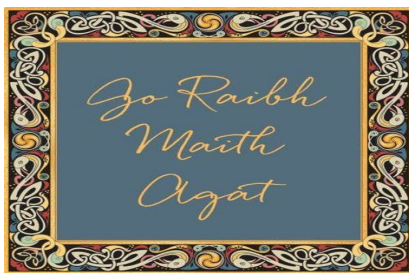
If you were away or forgot your contribution, it would still be much appreciated. You can also donate on line on our website:
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate.



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

CES Scheme - Thank You.



A word of thanks to everyone involved with the **CES Scheme** for their continued dedication to our parish.

It is an invaluable resource to the parish and we are very grateful for all the good works undertaken. **Míle buiochas.**

Grow Mental Health



Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/ Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie

Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas?

SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. Senior Line's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

So don't be alone and lift the phone.
Phone Senior Line 1800 80 45 91,
No problem too big or too small.

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National Confidential Listening Service for Older People

A Prayer to The Holy Family for Protection of Family



O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer!
You came to enlighten the world
with Your teaching and example,
and to live the greater part of Your life with Mary and
Joseph
in their home at Nazareth.

Thus You sanctified the family that was to be an
example to all Christian families.
Graciously receive our family,
which is dedicated and consecrated to You this day.
Protect it; guard it and establish it in holy fear, in
peace,
and in the harmony of Christian charity.

By conforming ourselves to the model of Your family,
may we all without exception attain to eternal
happiness.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother!
By your intercession make this, our humble offering,
acceptable to Jesus and obtain for us
His grace and blessings.

O St. Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary!
Assist us by your prayers I
n all our spiritual and temporal needs,
so that we may be able to praise
our Divine Saviour, Jesus,
together with Mary and you for all eternity.
Amen.

Calling all choirs!

Join us for the Inaugural Ennis Choral Festival, Jan 31st- Feb 2nd 2025. Whether you are a Church Choir, School Choir, or Community Choir, mixed voice or unison, there is something for you.

All details can be found on our FB Page Ennis Choral Festival or by contacting Carmel at ennischoralfestival@gmail.com
Closing date for receipt of entries
Friday, January 10th 2025.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a manger.

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 first book of Samuel.

1 Sm 1:20-22.24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and
called him Samuel, 'since' she said, 'I asked
the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband
Elkanah went up again with all his family to
offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to
fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up,
having said to her husband, 'Not before the
child is weaned. Then I will bring him and
present him before the Lord and he shall stay
there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up
with her together with a three-year-old bull, an
ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she
brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh;
and the child was with them. They slaughtered
the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli.
She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live,
my lord, I am the woman who stood here
beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the
child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me
what I asked him. Now I make him
over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is
made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for
the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: They are happy who dwell
in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
To God, the living God. **R**

They are happy, who dwell in Your house,
For ever singing Your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in You;
They walk with ever growing strength. **R**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
Give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

1 Jn 3:1-2.21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on
us, by letting us be called God's children; and
that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of
God but what we are to be in the future
has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that
when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned
by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in
God's presence, and whatever we ask him we
shall receive, because we keep his
commandments and live the kind of life that he
wants. His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ and that we love one another
as he told us to do.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God
and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he
has given us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

To accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to
Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When
he was twelve years old, they went up for the
feast as usual. When they were on their way
home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed
behind in Jerusalem without his parents

knowing it. They assumed he was with the
caravan, and it was only after a day's journey
that they went to look for him among their
relations and acquaintances. When they
failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem
looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the
Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening
to them, and asking them questions; and all
those who heard him were astounded at his
intelligence and his replies. They were
overcome when they saw him,
and his mother said to him, 'My child, why
have you done this to us? See how worried
your father and I have been, looking for you.'
'Why were you looking for me?' he replied.
'Did you not know that I must be busy with my
Father's affairs?' But they did not understand
what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to
Nazareth and lived under their authority. His
mother stored up all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature,
and in favour with God and men

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

**Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.**