

# 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

[www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam)



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Second Sunday of Advent Year C 8th December, 2024

## Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

To describe John the Baptist's mission, Saint Luke in today's Gospel refers to the ancient prophecy of Isaiah which says: *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be laid low"*

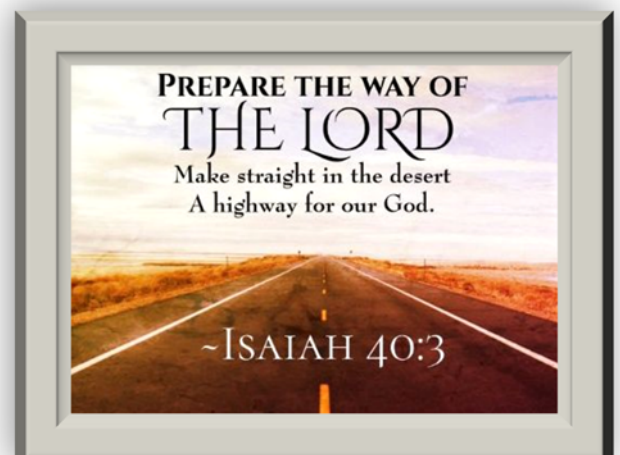
To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to answer the call to conversion of John the Baptist. What do we need to do? First of all we are called to fill the 'valleys' caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, to help those in need. To fill the valleys caused by coldness. One cannot have a relationship of love, charity and fraternity with one's neighbours if there are 'gaps' just as one cannot travel a road with many potholes. This requires a change of attitude. And all this should also be done with special attention to those most in need.

Then there is the need to challenge the indifference caused by pride and arrogance. How many people, perhaps without realising it, are proud, are indifferent, and lack kindness towards others. It is necessary to overcome this by making concrete gestures of reconciliation with our brothers and sisters, asking for forgiveness for our faults. It is not easy to reconcile with one another. One always thinks: "who will take the first step?". The Lord will help us if we are people of good will. Indeed, conversion is complete if it leads us to humbly recognise our errors, our faults and failings.

The believer is someone who, by being close to others, like John the Baptist, opens pathways in the desert, that is, a believer indicates a way forward in hope.

When faced with difficulty, with rejection we should not lose hope, but should continue to make a path for Jesus into the world, because the centre of our life is Jesus Christ and his word of light, love and hope.

The witness of John the Baptist gives us an example as to how we should witness in our own lives. Today too, Jesus' disciples are called to be his humble but courageous witnesses in order to rekindle hope, to make it understood that, despite everything, the Kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit.



**Priest on Duty: 8th December, 2024**  
**Contact: Fr. David Carroll - Tel. 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
 ROSLEVAN**

7th Dec: Tommy Kearney, Roslevan.  
 14th Dec: Carmel Devane, The Lane, Newpark.  
 Ellen Fitzgerald, Limerick.

**ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH**

8th Dec: Frank O'Connor, Kilbricken.,  
 Tony Mangan, Kilbricken.  
 Mary & Patrick Hannon, Ardsolus.  
 Christy Reddan, Cappahard.  
 15th Dec: Denny Vaughan, Knockanean.  
 Thomas & Josephine Heffernan  
 & John McInerney, Noughaval.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
 CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

8th Dec: Una Quinlivan, Ballymaley.  
 Nuala Teasdale (nee Fitzgerald),  
 Leeds & Clonkerry.  
 14th Dec 3pm: Maura Dowling, Aughanteeroe. MM.  
 15th Dec: Claire Curran, Drumgrannagh.  
 Margaret Quinn, Ballycarroll.  
 Aoife Loughnane, Ballycarroll.  
 Deceased Hanrahan Family, Larchill  
 Jimmy & Mary Whelan, Barefield.

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

Finance Development Fund  
 1st December  
 Barefield: €175  
 Doora: €90  
 Church of Our Lady: €192  
 Development: €1,182  
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**Ministers of Eucharist  
 & Readers**



This week:

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

Next week:

<b>Cour Lady:</b> DLeahy/MO'Callaghan	Dan Lenihan
<b>Doora:</b> Patricia Hassett	Patricia Clune
<b>Barefield:</b> MWhyte/JDevitt	Michael Clohessy

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

8th Dec: Teresa Hallinan  
 15th Dec: Margaret Liddy

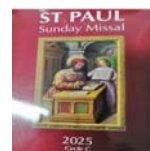
**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**

9th Nov & 16th Nov. : Michael Williams & Paul Mockler.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday 9th December this year. As it is celebrated on this date, it is not a Holy Day. Mass as usual on Monday in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan at 9.30am.

**Mass Readers** are asked to collect from the Sacristy a St. Paul Sunday Missal for 2025. Thank you for your co-operation.



**REST IN PEACE**

Remember in your prayers



**Elizabeth (Lil) Keane, Ballyalla.**

**Michael (Mickie) Fitzgibbon, Tulla Rd.**

**Anne Henry, Dunmore, Co. Galway,**  
 Sister of Margaret Hurley, Larchill.

*Now in God's Hands,  
 Forever in Our Hearts*

*Second Sunday of Advent*



Today we light the second candle  
 of the Advent wreath.  
 With this candle we pray that the light of Christ  
 will shine through us to everyone we meet.  
 Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 Make straight his path.

## Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquets

(€3 each) with image of each of our three churches, & signed by Fr. Tom now available in Parish Office during office hours and in the porches of our three churches.



**Christmas Vigil Masses and Masses on Christmas Day in our three churches offered for these intentions.**



**Carol Service & Nativity Play at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Wednesday 18th December at 6.15pm. Visit by Santa. Collection on night for Franciscan Lourdes Invalid Fund. All welcome.**



**Comhaltas Christmas Session on Friday 13th December in Fahy Hall at 7.45pm. Refreshments served. A great night of music guaranteed. All welcome.**

### Harvest Night in Inagh for the Lifeboats.

*'It was by chance at the harvest dance that our paths they crossed once more.'*

The centuries old Irish custom of people getting together to celebrate the saving of the harvest in the fall and end of the year will once again be celebrated on the first week of December in Inagh. Francie Daly and Marina Clancy from the Goodhouse in Inagh will host a Harvest Soiree Barn dance on Saturday night 7th December for the RNLI Lifeboats from 9pm. There will be music storytelling, songs, brush dancing, music. Nice bites of food, bottled stout, bulls eyes. No cover charge. Donations on the night to the RNLI Lifeboats. Raffle for great prizes on the night. Enquiries to 0876260301

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



**Christmas Spirit - Annual Christmas Concert St Columba's Church of Ireland, Bindon St, Ennis V95 D261 Saturday Dec 7th at 8.00pm Booking: [www.reginanathan.com](http://www.reginanathan.com) or 0879188222 Tickets €30 Regina Nathan Soprano Michael Hennessy Piano**

**The Joyful Sounds of Christmas Concert** is on Sunday 8th December at Ennis Cathedral from 6.30pm. This concert features Coole Music Youth Orchestra; The Burren Baroque Ensemble; Coole Harmonies Choir; Sonic Strings; and Helen Hancock Soprano. Donations at the door with all proceeds towards Coole Music & Arts CHY20071325 & Ennis Cathedral.

**Cantare Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert** December 20th, 8.15pm, SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis - a very special start to your Christmas! Tickets available online at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) or from Glór box office - 065 6843103. In support of Samaritans, Clare. See you there!

### Community Funding Information Clinics

Clare County Council's Rural Development Directorate has scheduled a series of in-person sessions to support Community Groups/Organisations who may wish to apply for current and upcoming funding schemes for their community. Any group who requires guidance and support to inform their ideas or projects in their area are more than welcome to discuss this with our Rural & Community Development Officers.

The following funding schemes are set to open for calls for applications from Community Groups in the coming weeks:

Clare Local Area Grants Scheme (CLAGS) 2025

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm to 5pm**

Clare Council HQ, Annex to the Council Chambers, New Road, Ennis V95DXP2. If you cannot make this date, please email your queries to [rcdo@clarecoco.ie](mailto:rcdo@clarecoco.ie)



## A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent



O holy, patient, and loving God,  
In this season of grace-filled longing,  
we await the coming of your Son and our Saviour.  
It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time.

There are many distractions:  
commitments seem to pile up,  
and expectations are high.

In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives,  
we need your help to remind us  
of what is important and necessary.  
While many of those things that we do not need  
will come to us in packages gleaming and bright,  
the one gift that will last comes from you alone,  
gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your  
love. Bless us, our family and friends,  
and the food and the company that we share.  
Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate  
the birth of your Son,  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**Céilí with The Sliabh Aughty Céilí Band** Saturday December 7th 8pm -11pm Admission €10 Cois na hAbhna Galway Rd. Ennis V95 V020 Tel. 065 6824276 for more details.

**"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.  
May we let ourselves be drawn  
by the light of God made man."**

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**Ennis Brass Band** will be performing their annual Christmas concert on Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm in St Columba's Church, Ennis. This is a free event, with a retiring collection afterwards if desired. Special guests on the night are the Quin n' Tonic Choir. All welcome.



**Barefield Winter Walkers** Please note, our last walk before Christmas takes place on Thursday 19th December. 7pm, followed immediately by refreshments and time to chat, at Hassett's Lounge Bar.

**Winter Walkers will resume on Thursday 2nd Jan 2025.**

### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €11,800

Venue: Clubhouse,  
Winners of €50

Mike Fitzgerald Barefield,  
Brian Dilleen Doora,  
Brian Gillespie Corofin,  
Emma & Shane Culligan Kilmaley



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## 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 Baruch

Ba 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow  
and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for  
ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God  
around you, put the diadem of the glory of  
the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour  
to every nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you  
for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour  
through devotedness.'  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and  
east at the command of the Holy One,  
jubilant that God has remembered them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting  
hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground  
level so that Israel can walk in safety under  
the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will  
provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light  
of his glory with his mercy  
and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from  
bondage, It seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
On our lips there were songs. R

The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels The Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. R

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
As streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
Will sing when they reap. R

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back,  
full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Ph 1:4-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with  
joy, remembering how you have helped to  
spread the Good News from the day you  
first heard it right up to the present. I am  
quite certain that the One who began this  
good work in you will see that it is finished  
when the Day of Christ Jesus comes.  
God knows how much I miss you all,  
loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My  
prayer is that your love for each other  
may increase more and more and never  
stop improving your knowledge and  
deepening your perception so that you  
can always recognise what is best. This  
will help you to become pure and  
blameless, and prepare you for the Day of  
Christ, when you will reach the perfect  
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in  
us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
Make his paths straight,  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of  
God.

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's  
reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor  
of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his  
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of

of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas  
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to  
John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.  
He went through the whole Jordan district  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for  
the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in  
the book of the sayings of the prophet  
Isaiah:  
A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of  
God.

## 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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which  
comes to you from God.