

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C) 12th January, 2025

New Life in Baptism

Those who are baptized in Jesus do not need to strive after a new life. They have already attained new life through dying with Christ. But they do need to nurture that new life so it can grow and mature. That's what the Church is for. That's what prayer is for.

A wealthy businessman was horrified to see a fisherman sitting beside his boat, playing with a small child.

"Why aren't you out fishing?" asked the businessman.

"Because I caught enough fish for one day," replied the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch some more?"

"What would I do with them?"

"You could earn more money," said the businessman. "Then with the extra money, you could buy a bigger boat, go into deeper waters, and catch more fish. You could catch even more fish and make more money.

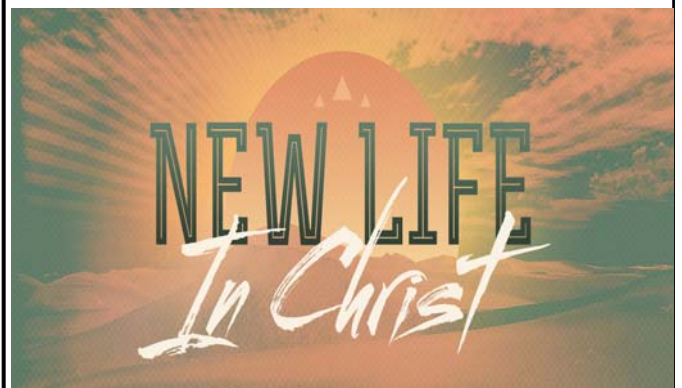
With that money you could own two boats, maybe three boats. Eventually you could have a whole fleet of boats and be rich like me."

"Then what would I do?" asked the fisherman. "Then," said the businessman, "you could really enjoy life."

The fisherman looked at the businessman quizzically and asked, "What do you think I am doing now?"

The baptism of Jesus is dying to our self-centred endeavours and being resurrected into a life marked by grace and love. When we live in the baptism of Jesus, we touch the hearts of others and help open them to the Holy Spirit and new life in Christ.

Are you living and growing in the new life you have been given?



Priest on Duty: 12th January, 2025
Contact: Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

11th Jan: Teresa Felle, Parklands, Ballyalla. MM.
16th Jan: Joan & Seamus Lyons, Noughaval.
18th Jan: John Jock O'Callaghan, Roslevan. 1st Anniv.
John & Margaret McTernan, Scariff.
Mary Fanning, Newpark, Roslevan.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

12th Jan: No intention booked.
19th Jan: Eileen Canny, Ballyglass.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

12th Jan: Brendan Hassett, Trinaderry. 1st Anniv.
Mary McInerney & her daughter
Mary 1st Anniv., Ballymacahill.
19th Jan: Michael Duggan, Ballymacuiggan.

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

Finance Development Fund
5th January, 2024

Barefield: €138
Doora: €89
Church of Our Lady: €240
Development: €570

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish
& Priests Collections at Christmas
and throughout the year.
Mile buiochas.

Used Christmas Cards and stamps, brown coin and
old spectacles can be left into Doora Church or the
Parish Office during office hours.

REST IN PEACE

John O'Connor,
Ballyortla.

Sr. John Duggan,
Tulla Road
& Bon Secours Hospital, Cork.

*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: JOConnor/MMcGuire Marie Moore
Doora: Anne Marie Custy Tom Meade
Barefield: JDevitt/MWhyte Carmel McGovern

Next week:

Cour Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire Marie Moore
Doora: Patricia Hassett Noreen O'Connor
Barefield: CDeloughery/MClohessy Nuala Kennedy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

11th Jan: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor
18th Jan: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

Doora Sacristan Rota

12th Jan: Patricia Hassett
19th Jan: Teresa Hallinan

Prayer for Peace in 2025



*Gracious God,
In a world filled with conflicts and unrest,
I lift my voice in prayer for peace.
May Your divine presence
bring an end to violence,
conflicts, and injustice in our world. Amen*

The Baptism of the Lord



*Spirit of God,
descending on Jesus,
make us your people, in Baptism and now,
Beloved sons and daughters,
with whom God can be well pleased.
May we never take our Baptism for granted,
And may we look for new life
in every baptized person.*

Amen.



Doora National School is now accepting enrolment of new pupils for September 2025. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 24/01/2025. If you require an application form please contact the school by phone 065 6829636 or email office@doorans.com with your name, address and contact no. Also, for your information, Application Forms, Admission Policy and Admission Notice can be downloaded from our website: www.doorans.com

Knockanean National School will commence accepting applications for Junior Infants for the coming school year, on January 7th 2025. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Madge in the school office on 065 6840088 or by sending an email to cnocanein@gmail.com requesting an application form. Closing date for completed application forms is 2.40 p.m. on January 30th 2025.

Barefield National School is now accepting enrolment of new pupils for September 2025. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 31/01/2025. If you require an application form please contact the school by phone (065) 6820303 or email to info@barefieldns.com with your name, address and contact no. Also, for your information, Application Forms, Admission Policy and Admission Notice can be downloaded from our website : <https://www.barefieldns.com/documents/enrolment/>.

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.

The Irish Red Cross Clare would like to thank the people who supported our recent Church Gate Collections in Doora -Barefield parish churches for their very kind donation of €495.00 All fund raised is for Clare Community Services – Supporting the People of Co. Clare Community Support Services Contact James Lafferty Clare Community Officer (086)8323456

Clare Roots Society Talk

Clare Roots Society Talk at Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782 on Thursday 16th next at 7.30pm

Lecture: An Evening with Joe Queally telling the story of THE COLEEN BAWN 1803-1819 Beautiful child of Croom murdered 204 years ago.



A CREED TO LIVE BY

Take time to make joy a part of every day



Don't undermine your worth
By comparing yourself with others.
It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set goals by what other people deem important.
Only you know what is best for you.
Don't take for granted the things and people
Closest to your heart.
Cling to them as you would your life
For without them life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers
By living your life one day at a time,
You live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give.
Nothing is really over
Until the moment you stop trying.
Don't be afraid to admit you are less than perfect.
It is this fragile thread
That binds us to each other.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks.
It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life
By saying its impossible to find.
The quickest way to receive love is to give love.
The fastest way to lose love
Is to hold it too tight,
And the best way to keep love, Is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams.
To be without dreams is to be without hope,
To be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast
That you forget not only where you have been,
But also where you are going.
Life is not a race
But a journey to be savoured each step of the way....
Nancy Sims



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €13,400
Venue: Clubhouse, Winners of €50
Bridget Hoey Roslevan,
Michael Dinan Roslevan,
Seamus Hanrahan Roslevan
Margaret Ruane Tubber

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
 After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 40:1-5.9-

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 'Console my people, console them,' says your God.
 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'
 A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
 Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

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 The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
 You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwellings. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you, to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up; You open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, Returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.
 Tt 2:11-14;3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus.
 He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.
 When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Luke 3:15-16.21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'
 Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove.
 And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son