

# 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 CHRISTMAS (Year C) 5th January, 2025

### Auld Lang Syne (For the sake of old times)

*'Should auld acquaintances be forgot, and never brought to mind?'*

A new year and many of us may well have sung the old Scottish song Auld Lang Syne to say good bye to 2024 and welcome 2025. The words of that song and the heartfelt renditions that we may have contributed to remind us of the power of words. How often have I said 'I give you my word?' or we use the phrase 'Upon my word' to copper fasten what we want to emphasise. Yes, words are important. In our Gospel this weekend we have much emphasis on the Word. John's gospel begins with the line 'In the beginning was the Word'. The Word is mentioned many times through today's gospel. Christmas celebrates 'The Word became flesh'. Jesus the Christ was born so that we could encounter the Word.

And what does the Word mean to us as we begin a New Year? We are being called to celebrate a jubilee Year of Hope. A year during which we are being asked to reflect on the calling of each baptised Christian to be a Pilgrim of Hope. Most of us do not go on pilgrimage alone. We set out with others and we encounter others on our pilgrim path. We share time together and we share our hopes. Yes, a Year of Hope, a year of encounters.

Tomorrow, is Nollaig na mBan, small Christmas.

In the Eastern Church January 6<sup>th</sup> is their big celebration of Christmas. May the Word guide us to continue telling the story of Christmas. A story which we are asked not to forget as we are pilgrims on a synodal pathway guided by the Holy Spirit and together in the Word.

*'The Word was the true light that enlightens all people'.*

May 2025 be a year where the light of peace will shine on our world and may all peoples share the pilgrim pathway of solidarity and may we never lose hope as we have the words in our gospel;

*'A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.'*

Happy New Year!!!



**Priest on Duty: 5th January, 2025**  
**Contact: Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
 ROSLEVAN**

4th Jan: Brendan Mullen, Newpark MM  
 6th Jan: Feast of the Epiphany  
 11th Jan: Teresa Felle, Parklands, Ballyalla. MM.

**ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH**

5th Jan: No intenton booked.  
 6th Jan 8pm: Feast of the Epiphany  
 10th Jan 7pm: Michael Mickey Fitzgibbon, Tulla Rd. MM.  
 12th Jan: No intention booked.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
 CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

5th Jan: Maura & Joe Cullinan, Ballycoree Hse, Gort Rd.  
 Michael Buddy Purcell, Ballyduff.  
 6th Jan: 7pm Feast of the Epiphany  
 12th Jan: Brendan Hassett, Trinaderry. 1st Anniv.

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

**Finance Development Fund**

**Christmas 2024**

Barefield: €

Doora €

C Our Lady: €

Development: €

**29th December, 2024**

Barefield: €110

Doora: €87

Church of Our Lady: €212

Development: €960

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

**Mile buiochas.**

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**

4th & 11th Jan: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

5th Jan: Seamus Enright

12th Jan: Patricia Hassett



**Ministers of Eucharist  
 & Readers**



**This week:**

<b>Cour Lady:</b>	JOConnor/MMcGuire	Jimmy O'Loughlin
<b>Doora:</b>	Bernard Hallinan	Nuala Conlon
<b>Barefield:</b>	MRowland/CLeamy	Sinead Roseingrave

**Next week:**

<b>Cour Lady:</b>	JOConnor/MMcGuire	Marie Moore
<b>Doora:</b>	Anne Marie Custy	Tom Meade
<b>Barefield:</b>	JDevitt/MWhyte	Carmel McGovern



*This feast as part of our Christmas  
 celebrations recalls the wise men  
 guided by a star arriving  
 to adore the new born baby.*

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on Monday 6th  
 January this year.

**Masses as follows: 9.30am Roslevan**  
**7.00pm Barefield**  
**8.00pm Doora**

**Snowdrops (Plúiríní Sneachta)**



They're to be seen across the land  
 From frozen ground they will sprout forth,  
 Of nature we see a rebirth,  
 Seeds of life hid within the earth,  
 At last winter is to depart,  
 For the spring months are soon to start,  
 Flowers that are the most pure white,  
 Shall always be a pleasing sight,  
 Undeterred should there still be frost,  
 Flowers will open at all cost,  
 The snowdrop's beauty shines the most,  
 In a month that's a bitter host,  
 In woods darted about the place,  
 Bringing smiles to many a face,  
 For our countryside they do bless,  
 bringing about scenes that impress.

*Christian Lacdael*



**REST IN PEACE**

Tom Keane, Gaurus

Kathryn (Ina) Moore, 6 Oakleigh Wood,  
 Tulla Road





Ennis Active Retirement

Meetings will resume on Tuesday 7th January, at 11am in the Scout Hall.



Knockanean National School will commence accepting applications for Junior Infants for the coming school year, on January 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cnocanein@gmail.com) requesting an application form.

Closing date for completed application forms is 2.40 p.m. on January 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/>.

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

### 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](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate).

**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](mailto:ennischoralfestival@gmail.com)  
Closing date for receipt of entries Friday, January 10th 2025.

### Beannacht: A Blessing for the New Year

John O'Donohue

In the new year,  
may you be blessed  
with all the good  
things God has to give.

“On the day when  
The weight deadens  
On your shoulders  
And you stumble,  
May the clay dance  
To balance you.

And when your eyes  
Freeze behind  
The grey window  
And the ghost of loss  
Gets in to you,  
May a flock of colours,  
Indigo, red, green,  
And azure blue,  
Come to awaken in you  
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays  
In the currach of thought  
And a stain of ocean  
Blackens beneath you,  
May there come across the waters  
A path of yellow moonlight  
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
May the clarity of light be yours,  
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow  
Wind work these words  
Of love around you,  
An invisible cloak To mind your life.

### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Numbers drawn 10,25,26,27  
Winners of €50 to Mark Reidy Tulla Rd,  
Pat Collins Doora,  
Michael Carmody Caradotia,  
Dylan Nolan  
Next weeks Jackpot: €13,200

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things  
And night was in the middle of its course,  
Your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
Bounded from heaven's royal throne.

## 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 Ecclesiastics (Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2.8-12)

Wisdom speaks her own praises,  
in the midst of her people she glories in  
herself. She opens her mouth in the  
assembly of the Most High,  
she glories in herself in the presence of the  
Mighty One.

"Then the creator of all things instructed  
me, and he who created me fixed a place  
for my tent.

He said, Pitch your tent in Jacob,  
make Israel your inheritance.

From eternity, in the beginning, he created  
me, and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy  
tabernacle,

and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest,  
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people,  
in the Lords property, in his inheritance."

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

### Response:

**The Word was made flesh,  
and lived among us.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
He has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,  
He feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
And swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
To Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
He has not taught them his decrees **R.**

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

**Eph: 1:3-6. 15-18**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord  
Jesus, Christ, who has blessed us with all  
the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.  
Before the world was made, he chose us,  
chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless,  
and to live through love in his presence,  
determining that we should become his  
adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his  
own kind purposes, to make us praise the  
glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the  
Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard  
about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the  
love that you show towards all the saints,  
have never failed to remember you in my  
prayers and to thank God for you. May the  
God of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of glory, give you a spirit of  
wisdom and perception of what is revealed,  
to bring you to full knowledge of him. May  
he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that  
you can see what hope his call holds for  
you, what rich glories he has promised the  
saints will inherit.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory be to you, O Christ,  
proclaimed to the pagans;**

**Glory be to you, O Christ,  
believed in by the world.**

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**John 1: 1-18**

In the beginning was the Word:  
the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be,  
not one thing had its being but through him.  
All that came to be had life in him  
and that life was the light of men,  
a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light  
that enlightens all men;  
and he was coming into the world.  
He was in the world  
that had its being through him,  
and the world did not know him.  
He came to his own domain  
and his own people did not accept him.  
But to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of  
God, to all who believe in the name of him  
who was born not out of human stock  
or urge of the flesh or will of man  
but of God himself.  
The Word was made flesh, he lived  
among us, and we saw his glory,  
the glory that is his as the only Son of the  
Father, full of grace and truth.

## 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

**To all who would accept him,  
He gave the power to become  
children of God.**