

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

16th February 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hope and Trust in God Bring Happiness in Life.

When we place all our hope in worldly success and comfort, we risk losing the deeper joy and fulfilment that can only come from god.`

In His great teaching, Jesus somewhat paradoxically tells us that blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping and persecuted. The word 'Blessed' means a person's continual state of internal bliss rather than a particular blessing.

In the eyes of the world, the poor, the hungry, and those who mourn are often overlooked and marginalized, or pitied but in God's eyes, they are blessed. Why? Because their poverty, hunger, and sorrow make them more open to receiving God's grace and mercy, being completely dependent on Him. They are not tied to the illusions of this world, they are ready to receive the kingdom of God.

How do we measure success? Is it by wealth, status, and comfort, or is it by how close we are to God, how open we are to His will ,and how compassionate we are toward those in need?

The Beatitudes remind us that true blessedness comes not from the world's standards, but from living in alignment with God's kingdom.

We live in a consumeristic society which believes that happiness comes from having plenty of the latest products for our use and enjoyment. It often encourages us to trust in ourselves, our wealth, power, and status. Very often, we fall prey to this misconception.

True happiness is found only in God and not in materialism. He alone can comfort us, provide us with lasting joy and happiness especially in times of suffering, hardship and persecution.

Let us ask ourselves where our trust is placed. Are we living with hope of the resurrection, in our hearts recognizing the blessings in our lives? In the mist of trials are we willing to persevere and live according to the values of God's kingdom. Let us pray that we may, like the tree planted by water, trust in the Lord, and may the Beatitudes shape our hearts and lives as we follow Jesus more closely.



Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm

St. Brecan's Church, Doora

Sunday: 9.45am

Immaculate Conception, Barefield

Sunday 11.15am Tuesday 9.30am

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam

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Priest on Duty: 16th February 2025 Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY ROSLEVAN

15th Feb: Joseph Conroy, Ballaghboy.

Francis Clune, Ballymacahill. John Joe Lyons, Cappamore.

21st Feb 7pm Mary McNamara, Inisogan, Roslevan. MM.

22nd Feb: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

16th Feb: Patrick Meere, Wellpark, Quin &

Margaret Cullinan, Creggaun.

Tom Hallinan, Ballyglass.

23rd Feb: Peggy Cobnroy, Noughaval.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

16th Feb: Pappy McNamara, Ballyogan. **MM**.

Bernadette Murphy, Drumquin. John Fitzgerald, Cragaweelcross.

23rd Feb: Michael & Josephine Carmody, Barefield.

Kitty, Vincent & James Conroy, Trim, Co. Meath.

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

Finance Development Fund 9th February, 2025

Barefield: €323 Doora: €226 Church of Our Lady: €149 Development: €1,408 **Míle buiochas**

Thought for the Week



Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much. Scatter sunshine, forget self, think of others. Always be kind.

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Peadar Kelly,

Ashfield Park

Ashfield Park, Ennis



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:NBecker/HHerlihyDeirdre RaffertyDoora:Martha NeylonSeamus EnrightBarefield:CLeamy/MRowlandDavid Culligan

Next week:

Cour Lady:NBecker/HHerlihySeamus HanrahanDoora:Bernard HallinanMichael CusackBarefield:MWhyte/JDevittMichael Clohessy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

16th & 23rd Feb: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

16th Feb: Cora Burke 23rd Feb: Mary Hallinan

Thanks to Anna O'Doherty and Mary Hegarty for making St. Brigid's crosses for the parish.

Eucharistic Adoration at Doora Church on Wednesday 6pm to 10pm. New members always welcome.



Please note that the volume on the webcam in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan is not presently working.

The webcam has to be replaced and this will take a week. In the meantime, there will be picture only and no sound on the webcam.

We apologise for the inconvenience. Please be assured we are doing our best to have it up and running as soon as ever possible.

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board .

Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board.

To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt st. Dublin 2 DO2WY88 Tel: 01

2410800 or joewalshtours.ie for more details.

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost for this section.

A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms Mary Freeman , Pilgrimage Secretary 087-9777896 or marybfreeman@gmail.com

Our Changing Church

The Killaloe Diocese Adult Faith Team invites you to a talk/discussion on Saturday, 1st of March 10am- 1pm in the Parish Centre, Ennis Cathedral.

Our speaker will be Michael Conway, Prof. of Faith & Culture in Maynooth, who will present current changes happening in the Church and initiate a dialogue on our possible response.

Divine Mercy Conference, RDS Dublin

Day return (from Clarecastle) bus Saturday 22nd February. €70 for bus and entry ticket. Contacts please via whatsapp Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings. €40 deposit via revolut, paypall or post secures bus.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries are holding a Two day Residential retreat at St Flannan's in Ennis starting Sunday 16th February from 10am to Tuesday 18th February finishing at 9am. Praise and worship/ Confession/Holy Mass /Word of God / Eucharistic Adoration/Healing Service/One to One prayer. This will be a powerful retreat. Come. Book your place now. Total

cost including accommodation and food =€125 per person. For booking and payment please call any of these numbers

Dinto 089 2777229; Peggy 087 1236693 Shibu. 087 7740812; Josephine 0872113389

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7 night pilgrimage 21st to 28th May, cost €875 per person sharing from Shannon to Mostar.
Contact Rachel Haren 087 6747869 or Kathleen Lee 086 1031508.
Early booking discount of €50 before 1st February.

Coláiste Muire 50th Reunion – Save the Date If you were a student of Coláiste Muire, Ennis from the years 1970 to 1975 you are invited to our 50th Reunion at Old Ground Hotel on Saturday 11th October.



Margaret Neylon 0877761204; Cora Hahessy 087 987 3702

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Malcolm Kitt, Cobh, on Tuesday February 18th at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis, doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, 10 euro non members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, annual membership night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Many thanks Patricia, secretary, 0857743398.

Child's Balance Bike left at Church of Our Lady, Roslevan on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd February. Please contact Michelle, Sacristan or Parish Office to collect same.

Fully Funded Adult Classes Sewing and beginners' Embroidery courses commencing in February 2025 in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus. All welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoinette.houlihan@lcetb.ie

Clare Roots Society February Talk

February Talk at Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782 Thursday 20th February 7.30pm

Lecture: Listening To The Past: Oral History For Genealogy by David Ryan





Springtime!
Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness,
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves,
like arms outstretched,
to its creator.
Springtime!

Our yearly reminder, if we needed one, that to a world that was dark and cold, a world devoid of love's sweet warmth, you sent your Son to break through sin's icy blanket, and, arms outstretched on a cross, he brought us hope.

Thank you!



This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on the 19th of February, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30.

This month the Ennis Fire Brigade will be joining us to talk about Fire Safety in the home. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat.

For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail: linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie

The Clare Branch of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

will be holding church gate collections at Barefield, Doora and Roslevan Parish Churches over the weekend of 22/23 February.

Please give generously for this very worthwhile cause and we thank you in anticipation of your kind support.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €14,400
Venue: Clubhouse,
Winners of €50
Martin Coffey, Tulla Rd,
Christine Conroy, Ennis,
J Gleeson, Ballyalla,

Kay Lynch, Doora



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me,
or the sake of your name.

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. vou 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 Jeremiah Jer 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

A curse on the man who put his trust in people,

who rely on things of flesh,
whose hearts turn from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
He settles in the parched places of the
wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust
in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrust it's roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
It's foliage stays green;
It has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Response: Happy are those who place their trust in the Lord Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor linger in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders God's law day and night.

He is like a trees that are planted beside the flowing waters, that yield their fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

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

1 Cor 15:12.16-20

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If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom To mere children. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 6:17.20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh'. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.'

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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 Holv 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

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 They ate and had their fill, And what they craved the Lord gave them;

They were not disappointed in what they craved.