



# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

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## NEWSLETTER

9th March, 2025

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### AS SPRING UNFURLS, KEEP BELIEVING IN BRIGHTER DAYS

As our journey of Lent begins, we are reminded, as always, of Jesus' own journey of forty days in the desert where he was 'led by the Spirit' ... in the middle of his time of fasting, while hungry and alone, we are reminded that the temptations were close at hand to disrupt what Jesus set out to achieve in this time of preparation and reflection into how he must fulfil the purpose of his life and mission.

While Jesus falls back on the words of scripture by way of answer to his tempter who teases him about his powers to turn stones to bread to satisfy his hunger, and indeed suggestive words that all the kingdoms of the world could be his if he were to SIMPLY 'worship him' the tempter.

Jesus in his resilience retorts with conviction, the words from scripture, "Man does not live on bread alone" and "You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone".

For us it's the next interaction between Jesus and his tempter that may qualify as our take home moment as we take on this Lenten season and reflect on 'My life and Mission' ... The tempter tries to provoke Jesus into a moment of abandonment assuring him that if he was to throw himself from the parapet of the temple and so PROVE himself as the Son of God "He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you ... they will hold you up on their hands in case you strike you foot against a stone" .... While Jesus by way of response, "You must not put the Lord your God to the test". At this the tempter gives up, at least for now.

Our possible 'take home' as we set out on our journey this Lenten season in this JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE .. Like Jesus, his resilience seemed reinforced by him not being alone but rather accompanied by the angels to guard him and hold him up. ... our resilience when confronted to give up might be reinforced with angels sent by God whose companionship in our most tested moments speak to us in person or in memory stoking our resilience to never give up, trusting in our own dignity and purpose, with an eye always fixed on an horizon where the rising light of any given day is the light of HOPE!

**May you always have an Angel by your side.**

watching out for you in all the things you do,  
reminding you to keep believing in brighter days  
finding ways for your wishes and dreams  
to take you to beautiful places,  
giving you hope that is certain as the sun,  
giving you the strength of serenity as your guide,  
may you always have love and comfort and courage,  
and may you always have an Angel by your side....

....Someone there to catch you if you fall,  
encouraging your dreams, inspiring your happiness,  
holding your hand and helping you through it all.

In all our days, our lives are always changing,  
tears come along as well as smiles,  
along the roads you travel,  
may the miles be a thousand times more lovely than lonely,  
may they give you the kind of gifts that never ever end:  
someone wonderful to love  
and a dear friend in whom you can confide,  
may you have rainbows after every storm,  
may have hopes to keep you warm.....  
....And may you always have an Angel by your side



#### 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)

#### Contacts

##### Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, P.P.

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**Wed: 9am-1pm**

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/doorabarefieldparish>.

# Priest on Duty: 9th March, 2025

## Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

8th Mar: Patricia & John Leahy.  
Clive Frawley, Ennis.  
15th Mar: No intention booked.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

9th Mar: Anselm Brooks & Deceased Family, Creggaun.  
16th Mar: Paddy & John Torpey, Kilfenora.  
James & Delia Sheedy & Deceased Family, Bunnow

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

9th Mar: Seán & Peggy Howard, Drumquin.  
Oonagh Hogan, Faunrusk.  
16th Mar: No intention booked.

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

Finance Development Fund  
2nd March, 2025  
Barefield: €118  
Doora: €145  
Church of Our Lady: €415  
Development : €890  
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Eucharistic Adoration at Doora Church on Wednesday  
6pm to 10pm. New members always welcome.

#### Stations of the Cross



Come and join us on Friday evenings during Lent in Doora Church at 7-7.30 pm as we take some peaceful prayer time to meditate on The Stations of the Cross. We make our own pilgrimage of hope.

*LENT is the autumn of the spiritual life  
during which we gather fruit  
to keep us going for the rest of the year.*



St. Francis de Sales

Clare COPD Support Group Ireland now meets on Thursday morning at 10:30am in the Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis.

If you have COPD come along please.



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

COur Lady: BBurke/SGarvey Olive Harvey  
Doora: Patricia Hassett Bernadette Fitzpatrick  
Barefield: LCorcoran/NKennedy Bernard Casey

#### Next week:

COur Lady: BBurke/SGarvey Olive Harvey  
Doora: Marie Flanagan Anne Marie Custy  
Barefield: LMurphy/MHassett Nuala Kennedy

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

8th March: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor  
15th Mar: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy.

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

9th Mar: Patricia Hassett  
16th Mar: Teresa Hallinan

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



#### 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 joewalshstours.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.

#### Sponsor a Sick Pilgrim

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost is € 855 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim please contact Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816

5K Fun Walk/Run for Uganda on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Register at Clare Crusaders Clinic, Barefield. Help to build a 100 bed dormitory. Your support is greatly appreciated. All welcome.



## 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.

**Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults** at St. Flannan's College.

Classes include:

Cross-stitching, Mixed-Media, Mindfulness, Millinery, Paper-Making, Ukulele and Felting.

Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings

**The Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday, March 12th, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction.

Fr. Tom Ryan from Ennis Cathedral will be the celebrant on the night accompanied by Emma Murray, a leader in the youth section of the Killaloe Lourdes Programme. We also welcome students from St Mochulla's National School. Attending this Novena could be a meaningful Lenten commitment.



**Trocaire** provides a range of emergency supports to crisis-affected communities. These include:

- Basic needs: Water, sanitation and food,
- Protection: supporting women and girls' safety and access to services in crisis,
- Shelter: shelter and camps for people forced from their homes,
- Healthcare: basic health care, maternal health care nutrition and hygiene.

There are many ways in which to support the work of Trocaire. Visit our website [Trocaire - Together for a Just World](http://Trocaire - Together for a Just World) and read all about our work and how you can support.

There are Trocaire Boxes in the Church porches. For those who have boxes of parish envelopes you will find a white envelope for Trocaire included in it. Your ongoing support is very much needed. Thank you.

## Clare Roots Society March Meeting

Clare Roots Society March meeting 'Clare Local Studies and Archives: New Collections with Potential for Genealogical Research' by Michael Talty at the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782 on Thursday March 20th at 7.30pm. All welcome.



## Clare SVP Seeking Volunteers

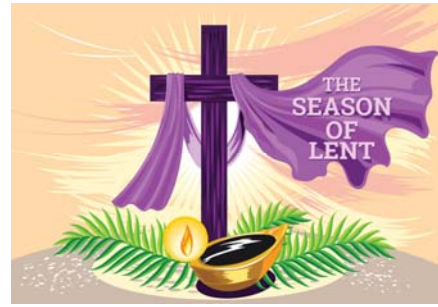
Clare SVP are seeking volunteers from the local community to help us continue our work helping people in need.

If you are interested and have a few hours to spare each week please contact 085 8720455.

For more information, see [www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/](http://www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/)



## PRAYER FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



God,  
As we take this journey  
That draws us ever closer to you  
Walk with us  
Sustain us,  
Nurture us.

God, as we go through  
The wilderness of lent and of our lives,  
Send your manna to us,  
give us wisdom to turn from temptation  
And your grace to turn to.

God, as we walk through the pot holes of life,  
The valleys, the pits of life,  
Guide us with your hand  
Keep our feet steady,  
And our vision on you.

God, whether we choose  
to give up something for lent  
Or do something positive,  
Let us not do it out of obligation  
Or the tyranny of oughtness,  
But out of love for you.

Keep us in your paths of love,  
mercy and grace.  
Lord help us to remember we are not alone  
but that we are walking  
with our fellow travellers . Amen

## Catechesis for Adults & Youth

The meetings are in the Chapter Room ,  
Ennis Cathedral each Tuesday & Thursday  
at 8pm. More details from  
Fr. Fernando 083 126 8126.



## Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €15,000

Venue: Clubhouse,  
Winners of €50



Jim Jones, Doora,  
Anne Marie Hanrahan, Roslevan,  
Barry Guilfoyle, Cappamore,  
Michael Flanagan, Doora

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### 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 book of Deuteronomy Deut 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:'

'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers.

The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders.

He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### The word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

*Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord:

'My refuge, my stronghold,  
my God in whom I trust!' *R*

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels,  
To keep you in all your ways. *R*

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. *R*

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you'. I will save him in distress and give him glory. *R*

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, O Christ,  
king of eternal glory!*

*Man does not live on bread alone, But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

*Praise to you, O Christ,  
king of eternal glory!*

## A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. LK 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose.

Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.'

But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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### 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

**One does not live by bread alone,  
But by every word that comes forth from  
the mouth of God.**

