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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

6th April, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus' Lifegiving Message of Love



Wouldn't you love to know what Jesus wrote with his finger in the sand. While those who brought the woman to Jesus were pointing their fingers at her, Jesus uses his pointing finger, not to point and accuse, but to write in the sand.

Interestingly what Jesus initially wrote seems to have made no impression on the accusatory mob.

Might the first message that Jesus wrote in the sand have been for the woman? Might it have been this message, written in the sand, that enabled her to hold her ground and to begin to stand tall?

Then Jesus invites her accusers to reflect on themselves and if they have never sinned, by all means be the first to throw a stone. But then we are told that Jesus returns to writing in the sand again. Whatever he wrote this time seems to have had an effect because the accusers walked away one by one, beginning with the eldest. There is nothing as powerful as self-reflection that leads to self-realisation.

And the story finishes with Jesus looking up to the woman who has up to now been looked down on by these finger pointing men. Jesus has not only freed her from these men who were using her to get at him, he has gifted her the new perspective of being looked up to in life. In doing so Jesus gifted her the freedom found in forgiveness. He gifted her the possibility of a future filled with possibility and hope. He gifted her the liberating invitation to live and truly love again.

May we see where Jesus has written this lifegiving message of love in the sands of our lives and our hearts this Lent.

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

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Priest on Duty: 6th April, 2025

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

5th April: Seamus O'Connor, Ballinakill, Loughrea.

Martin Heaney, Corrovorrin Drive.

12th April: Margaret & Sinéad Duggan, Ballymacuiggin.

Peggy O'Keeffe, Kincora Park.

Pat & Anne Horan & Family, Castletown, Doora.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

6th April: No intention booked.

13th April: Maureen Hallinan, Ballyglass.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

6th April: Vincent Canny, Derry, Barefield.

13th April: Kevin Mahon, Parklands, Ballyalla. MM.

Kieran Conlon, Ballymacon.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday.

Finance Development Fund

30th March, 2025

Barefield: €124; Doora: €157

Church of Our Lady: €195

Development: €661

Míle buíochas

Windows of Hope – Lent and Easter 2025

You are invited to tune in to daily inspirational messages of Hope from people around the diocese. They are available on all the main social media platforms under the handle @BishopFintan. Please like, subscribe and share to keep in touch with various good news items.

Barefield Apostolic Display this Sunday

6th April at Barefield Community Centre

2pm to 5pm. All welcome.



World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world and in this Jubilee year of Hope 2025 Rome will host this event from 27th July until 3rd August.

The Diocese of Killaloe will be sending 20 young people to Rome to be part of this world event.

If you are over 18 years and have an interest in travelling, please contact your local priest by Easter Sunday.

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

James Cullinan,

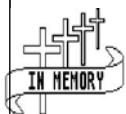
Kilnamona & Doolin,

Husband of Carol Talty, Gort Rd.

Frank Riddler,

England & formerly Monanoe, Doora,

The light of heaven to them.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:

PMockler/MDilleen

James O'Connor

Doora:

Bernard Hallinan

Tom Meade

Barefield:

JDevitt/MWhyte

Margaret Carden

Next week:

Cour Lady:

PMockler/MDilleen

JO'Connor/CCremin

Doora:

Mary Barry

Noreen O'Connor

Barefield:

CDeloughery/MClohessy

MClohessyNGalvin

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

6th April Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

13th April Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

6th April: Cora Burke

13th April: Mary Hallinan

Abbey Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation Service



Together we make our pilgrimage of Hope as we rediscover the Joy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All Welcome.

Monday April 14th

Ennis Cathedral

7.30pm

Priests available for individual confessions

Killaloe Diocese - Online Synodal Listening

A synod is a meeting of the people of God, priests and people, discussing the future of our church, together. Pope Francis started a consultation process which is also underway in the diocese of Killaloe.

If you would like to contribute to the consultation, please click on his link to success an online response form. There will be a number of in-person meetings across the diocese which will be advertised locally. All contributions are welcome.

Click or Copy this link into your internet browser to access the form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4FhXpXc2CMXImOAb9hiEUBGpCSNA20NcfR5Vu3aCexbgkg/viewform?usp=dialog>





Healing Programme for People Bereaved by Suicide

Are you finding it difficult to cope with the death by suicide of a family member or friend? You could get help at a Healing Programme organised by Clare Suicide Bereavement

Support at their premises in Innovation House (near Super Value), Roslevan Centre, Tulla Rd., Ennis. – starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th April and continuing for eight consecutive Thursdays. Please feel welcome to come for support and meet others in the same position as yourself. An appointment is not necessary.

For further information phone 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.
www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

Volunteers Needed.

The No Name Club are seeking volunteer leaders for our No Name Club. Do you have two free hours a week?

The No Name Club respects the dignity and the uniqueness of all young people by supporting, advocating, and helping to safeguard their right to enjoy life, feel respected and to mature without a reliance on alcohol and other drugs. Our members are aged 15 to 18 years. If you would like to be part of our club, you can contact me: Mary Somers 083 3700267 or msomers@nonameclub.ie www.nonameclub.ie or you can find us on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, April 9th, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Celebrant Fr Roch from Poland who is currently based in the Friary in Ennis. This evening will include the opportunity to celebrate God's healing love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us prepare for Easter. Visiting priests will also be available for confessions. Attending this Novena could be a meaningful way to observe Lent.



Holy Week Retreat

Young Adults! (18-40) An invitation to enter into Holy Week 2025 with a prayerful retreat at Our Lady of Silence Abbey, Roscrea April 11—13th (Fri eve - Sun afternoon) In the quiet atmosphere of the monastery we will prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Procession with the monks through the cloister on Palm Sunday, Holy Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, friendship in the faith, inspiring Talks, beautiful walks. Cost: Donation (full board, own room). Contact: Sr Una 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123. Email: youthretreats@gmail.com
'Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free'

This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on 16th April, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30. This month Technologies to Enable Independent living. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0876985819, e-mail: samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie

Family Carers Ireland

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Bereavement Support Information Talk will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department, V94 H795 Tue 29th April 7pm - 8.30pm. The Information Talk is Free. No booking required.

Lenten Prayer



God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.

By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.

Lord, during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word of life
and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.
Give me new life by Your Sacraments,
especially the Mass

Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.

Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.
Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.

Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

On Thursday 10 April (a week earlier than usual due to Easter) at 7:30pm in the Clare Education Centre in Ennis (V95 F782), Paddy Waldron will give the last Clare Roots Society monthly talk of the 2024-25 season, entitled Collaborative Genealogy.



"The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery."



Pope Francis

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €15,000

Venue: Clubhouse,
Winners of €50

Kieran Cosgrove, Ballymacahill,
Margaret Halpin, Gort, Rd,
Lucy Considine, Doora,
Kenneth Kennedy Doora.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against
a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue
me.

For you, O God, are my strength

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 Isaiah

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way
through the sea, a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army, which lay there never
to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past, no need to think
about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it
comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and
ostriches, because I am putting water in the
wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my
chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: 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

Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh
the supreme advantage of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the
loss of everything, and I look on everything as
so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and
be given a place in him. I am no longer trying
for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection
that comes from the Law, but I want only the
perfection that comes through faith in Christ,
and is from God

and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ
and the power of his resurrection and to share
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his
death.

That is the way I can hope to take my place in
the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have
become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I
am still running, trying to capture the prize for
which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure
you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have
already won. All I can say is that I forget the
past and I strain ahead for what is still to
come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to
which God calls us upwards to receive in
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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

Seek good and not evil

so that you may live,

And that the Lord God of hosts
may really be with you.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At
daybreak he appeared in the Temple again;
and as all the people came to him, he sat
down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman
along who had been caught committing
adultery; and making her stand there in full
view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master,
this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered
us in the Law to condemn women like this to
death by stoning.'

What have you to say?'

They asked him this as a test, looking for
something to use against him. But Jesus
bent down and started writing on the
ground with his finger. As they persisted
with their question, he looked up and said,
'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.'
Then he bent down and wrote on the
ground again.

When they heard this they went away one
by one, beginning with the eldest, until
Jesus was left alone with the woman, who
remained standing there. He looked up and
said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one
condemned you?'

'No one, sir', she replied.

'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus, 'go
away, and don't sin any more.'

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

Has no one condemned you, woman?

No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you.

From now on, sin no more.