



## St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

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**Dear Parishioner, Thought for the week:** This Sunday's Gospel is about how we begin the New Year, how we begin our way of living this year. We do this deeply nestled in the arms of our mother, Mary. This is a day where we can take some time to think about one of the most beautiful relationships to ever exist, that between a mother and her child. How a mother's instinct causes her to wake up at night, and hand out forgiveness and love on an unconditional basis, supporting her child through life no matter what storm is faced. With any mother and child there are unspoken agreements, a shared love that is always present. When we look at the Mother of God and her son, Jesus, we are assured of an eternal hope that spurs us on and helps us stand firm and stay focused on what is great in our relationship with our own mothers.

I pray God's blessings on you and your families and our parish as we set out on a New Year together in faith and hope and love.

**Offertory Collection:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. €1,005. Last Sunday's collection was €1,990 many thanks.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Donal Ryan	Paul Sweeney/Denise Buckley
9:30am Donie Anderson	Neil Maher/Ann Hayes
11am Emma Kennedy	Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney

**New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** will be drawn up over the next few weeks. If any changes please contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898 ASAP.

### Anniversaries/Months Mind:

31 <sup>st</sup> Dec/1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Jan
6:30pm Elizabeth & Patrick Reale, Assumption Terrace. Peggy O'Dwyer, Carnahalla.	Michael & Tom O'Brien, parents Molly & Paddy. Josephine Quinlan, Glengar.
9:30am John Ryan (Frank)	-
11am Nora & John Thompsons, Bank Place. Connie O'Brien, Coolnamona.	Michael O'Brien, Carrigbeg. Shelia Wrenn.
Thur. 5 <sup>th</sup> Sean, Gillian & PJ Richardson, Lacka @ 7:30pm.	
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Mick Quigley, Toomaline @ 11am.	

**Family Crib Prayer:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct., formal preparations began for the 9th World Meeting of Families 2018 and these are being led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin as President and host, and by Father Timothy Bartlett in his role as Secretary General. Last May, Pope Francis chose "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World"

as the theme for this major pastoral celebration which will take place in Dublin from 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2018. At their meeting, bishops encouraged the faithful to pray the Prayer to the Holy Family which has been written by Pope Francis and which he published in this year's apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*: A copy of the prayer is available at the crib for you to take home with you.

**Mulkear Outreach Group - Chernobyl Children International:** A huge Thank You to all who came out to support our walk on St. Stephen's Day. The sum of €702.54 was collected which will go towards the upkeep of our Home of Hope in Belarus.

**Doon CBS—Carol Singing:** €830 was raised at the carol singing before all Masses. All proceeds go to Doon Lourdes Fund. Thanks to everybody who supported.

**LCFE Cappamore:** enrolment for day & evening classes at the college will take place on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-1:30pm & Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Apply online at <http://www.lcfe.ie> phone (061) 381272.

**Old Time Gaels of East Limerick:** Congratulations to Jim Allis who received lifelong services to the GAA award, to Br. James Dormer who received the Tom O' Brien Personality Award and Br. Michael Cunningham who received a Special Merit Award. Presentation.

**Dun Bleisce Historical Society:** annual table quiz in Moore's Bar, Doon on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30pm. Table of 4 €20. Raffle & a good evening's entertainment guaranteed. All proceeds from the night are to continue to sponsor a student for Tony Woods (Kenyan Education Fund).

**Doon Parish Journal:** thanks to all who helped with the production of the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of "Bleisce". It is now on sale in the local shops-price €10, a great New Years gift.

**Doon GAA: Lotto:** Tue. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. no's drawn 1-9-22-25, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €10,400. **5K Annual Walk/Run** will take place on New Year's Day 2017, registration will take place from 12 noon. Walkers start at 1pm & runners @ 2pm. Entry Fee: Runners €10 Walkers €5. **National Draw Tickets:** are currently been sold by members at €10 each, all proceeds from the draw are retained by the club. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Club App:** To all users of the clubify app. We will **NO LONGER** be using this app and have now started using TeamApp from today. Just go to either Apple or Google Play Store and search for TeamApp and follow the instructions. Further info can be found on the club website under Club News. All club related activity can be found on <https://sites.google.com/view/doongaa/home>