

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 2nd February, 2020

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Dear Parishioner,

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again? The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 8th/9th Feb:

Readers:

6:30pm Eddie Greene

9:30am Marie Duggan

11am Anita Sweeney

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes

Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan

Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Anniversaries: 1st/2nd Feb:

6:30pm Paddy McLoughlin Glasha Talann & Coolbawn Tommy Maher, Gurtavalla & his son Tomás

John Hayes, Toomaline Lower

9:30am For the People of the Parish

11am Matthew Treacy, Foilacra

Mai & Ger Bray, Cliggen & Toher Rd

Bridie Ryan, Lisowen

Sarah Walsh, Toher Rd

8th/9th Feb:

Jimmy & Mary Buckley, Main St & deceased family members

Paddy & Kathleen Ryan, Croughmakeen

For the People of the Parish

Mary & Edmund Harding, Coolnamona

Jimmy Ryan, Toomaline & his son Thomas,

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John Quigley, Lacka

CANDLEMAS DAY: Sunday 2nd of February is The Presentation of The Lord also known as Candlemas Day. Donations to defray cost of Candles in the church would be gratefully received. If you wish to have candles blessed please bring them to mass on that weekend.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE: Monday 3rd February is the Feast of St Blaise. Throats blessed @ 9:30 Mass

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday next is 1st Friday of February. **PLEASE NOTE Communion calls will be done on Wednesday 5th Feb. No Mass on Friday morning.** Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and devotions during 7.30pm Mass.

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

ST VINCENT'S LISNAGRY: Annual Church Gate Collection will be held on 8th & 9th February. Your support is very much appreciated.

ENVELOPE AND PARISH CALENDAR 2020: If you have not received a box of envelopes and would like to contribute please contact Fr Jimmy who can arrange envelopes for you.

DOON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: New people are always welcome as many hands make light work. Thanks to the group for keeping the Church so clean for all of us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Confirmation Tuesday 31st March. **First Holy Communion** Sunday 3rd May. As a community of faith, we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events in their faith journey.

AA: Meeting every Friday night in St. Michael's Day Care Centre, Cappamore @ 8.30pm.

YOGA: continues every Thursday night 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Community Centre €7 pay as you go.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Are currently recruiting new members. At the moment, we have 12 volunteers and we are looking to expand our committee. We would welcome new ideas from anyone that would like to get involved or help out in community work and event planning. If you would like to get involved, please contact 086 3954205

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 3-11-19-25 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €7,200

DOON BADMINTON CLUB: Monday nights from 7pm to 10pm and Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm in the community Centre. Beginners and new members welcome.

CAPPAMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: will host a Lecture in the local Community Centre on Monday the 3rd February @ 8pm. The Lecture by Tom Toomey will be on the subject of The Dromkeen Ambush. There will be a charge of €5 to non-members, and Refreshments served afterwards.

LCFE CAPPAMORE CAMPUS: A few places remain on our Yoga course starting Tuesday 4th February @ 7pm. Apply online at <http://www.lcfe.ie> or phone 061 381272 for details.

BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING: in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, on Thursday, February 13th 2020 from 7 – 9pm. This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges their family may face after the death of a son or daughter. RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or 01 4045378 – 085 2888888 before Wed 12th February.

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING: @ Cappamore Library delivered in small groups of 8 to 10 people, over 5 x 2-hour sessions beginning on Friday, 21st February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. To book a place please contact Cappamore Library on 061-381586 or email cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie

FASHION AT THE PALACE: Pallasgreen-Templebraden Community Council will hold an Exclusive Fashion Show on Thursday February 13th in the Strand Hotel Limerick showcasing all the top brands in the Mid-West Region. Models by the Celia Holman Lee Model agency. There will be celebrity guest appearances, local models, entertainment by the award winning and talented soprano Sinead O'Brien. Also prizes for best dressed lady, Shoe and bag, Glamorous Granny and more, well known and popular celebrity Lorraine O'Connell will be judging these. Prosecco reception @ 6.30pm and show will start @ 8pm. Exhibitions and shops on the night, Goodie bags worth €200 including a €30 gift card for Brown Thomas for all. All proceeds go to the refurbishment of the Pallasgreen Community Centre. For enquiries and tickets please contact Susie 087-7697811, Dara 086-8147485 or Ger 086-2148675.

Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday Evening for inclusion the following weekend.