



### St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

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**Dear Parishioner,** In today's Gospel Jesus is explaining to us that we are called to be loyal and resilient followers. This means that we need to listen to Jesus when he explains to us what it takes to follow with all of our hearts, minds and bodies. To love God is not a simple and easy thing. It takes years of trying, years of refining our spirituality and always willing to live in the sunshine of the Gospel. There is no quick fix, nor is there a moment where we can say 'That's it, I don't have to try any more'. Following Jesus towards the kingdom of God is a worthy goal in our lives. However, we need to be aware of the kind of life journey this is and aware of our humanity as we journey together. For many, being a pilgrim follower of Jesus is what life is about. Always putting in the effort, some days more effort than others, but knowing nonetheless, that we are loved unconditionally and welcomed as wholeheartedly and lovingly as the prodigal son was. Jesus asks us to remind ourselves that we need to start with his love and then together, travel to a sense of faith, hope and love. Our journey is not a journey alone, but one with and for each other.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday's collection was €1,010-many thanks for your generosity, it's very much appreciated.

**Masses this week:** There will be no Mass on Tue. or Wed. morning. Mass on Mon. & Fri. **First Friday:** Next Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Mass at 9:30am and 7:0pm. Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and devotions will follow the evening mass. Usual communion calls after morning mass. If anyone is housebound or in hospital or a nursing home please let Fr. Jimmy know if they would like a visit.

#### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: for 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Mairead Maher	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
9:30am Pakie O'Brien	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am Aidan Purcell	John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

#### Altar Servers 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July:

6:30pm Aidan O'Connell, Gareth Thomas, Grainne O'Dwyer, Bonnie Rose Crowe.
11am Martin & Isobel Maher, Roisin Doyle, Conor Kennedy.

Anniversaries: 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> July:	8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> July:
6:30pm Mary Treacy, Commonaline & her brother Michael Donovan.	Timothy & Margaret Ryan (Smith), Cooga & Deceased family members. Sr. Margaret, Sally & Timothy's father Tom. Rodie & Margaret Ryan, Glengar & their son & Daughter Paddy & Norah & family members.
9:30am Jimmy Ryan, Reenavanna.	-
11am Theresa Lenihan, Cooga.	Denis & Mai Ryan, Glengar. Nora Con & Mary Ryan Cliggin. Joanie Hayes Kilmoylan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

**New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** will be available from the Sacristy this weekend.

**Recently Deceased:** Jerry O'Connell (brother of the last Maureen Morrissey), who died in Chicago & formerly of Gurtavalla. May he rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Darcy Heuser & Jason Ryan who were united in the sacrament of marriage on Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July. We pray God's blessing on their marriage & their lives together as husband & wife.

**Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns:** continue to meet every Wed. @ 7pm at the Church gates until Mid July. Keep up the good work.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wed. from 10am to 10pm. Please take a leaflet & commit some time. If you cannot fulfill your allotted time for some reason subs are available to take your place. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

**Volunteer Now:** Would you or could you volunteer to help when Pope Francis visits our country from 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2018 for the World Meeting of Families. Information leaflet available as you leave the church or lookup [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)

**Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> July. If you wish to book a seat please contact Joan on (061) 380201 or Eileen @ (086) 8366735. Bus fare €15. Bus leaving from Lysaght's Corner, Doon @ 7:45am. See notice in Church Porch for all details.

**One Day Conference:** will take place in Mary Immaculate College Limerick on Thur. 13<sup>th</sup> July entitled "Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family". This is part of the preparations for the World Meeting of Families.

**Our Lady of Fatima Centenary Celebrations 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917-13<sup>th</sup> May 2017:** To celebrate the centenary the Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each month from May until Oct. @ 6pm The Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home for these few months. If you would like to host the statue in your home for a week please put your name address and contact details on the sheet as you leave the church.

**Amoris: Let's talk family! Let's be family!** You are cordially invited to an exciting and interactive journey of reflection on love, marriage and the family which will run locally in every diocese in Ireland from Sept. 2017 and is also available on line. Visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris)

**Catholic Grandparents Association:** on Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> July-The Feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles @ 7.30pm. This Mass is to acknowledge the role that grandparents played and continue to play in passing on the faith.

**Cemetery Mass:** The annual cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> July @ 7:30pm. Please let family and friends know.

**Community Games County Finals in Mungret:** Due to the absence of Community Games in Doon the following children participated with Cappamore for 2017. Emma & Conor Kennedy, Conor & Niamh Kelly, Aideen, Diarmuid & Padraic Crowe & John Bryan. Well done everyone.

**Doon Historical Society:** The Annual Summer Outing will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> August this year and the destination is Kilkenny. Save the date / more information to follow.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto: Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> June, no's drawn 15-16-18-28, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €15,600. Fixtures & Results: will be sent out by text-for weekday & weekend fixtures each week, text your name to (087) 7818652 if you would like to receive same.

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