



## St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

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Dear Parishioner

Goodbyes are often emotional, particularly if we know we might not see the other person again for a long time, if ever. In films and TV programmes, a farewell scene can be a pivotal moment, or even the climax of the drama. Sometimes, when characters say goodbye to each other, we see a shot of one of them left behind, bereft, gazing into the distance after their loved one. In this context, one line in today's first reading always grabs my attention: 'They were still staring into the sky.' The apostles had just witnessed Jesus being 'lifted up' and taken from their sight. They had lost him once with his death, and now they are losing him a second time, after precious time spent with him following his resurrection. But the scene in today's first reading for the Ascension is no ordinary goodbye. It is not a dramatic scene written for a film script. In fact, Jesus does not seem to say goodbye at all. His last words are a promise to the disciples: the Holy Spirit will be with them as they set out on their mission. They have not been left alone. We have not been left alone. I take this opportunity to wish all those sitting exams in the coming days the best of luck. May you be rewarded for your work.

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

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
<b>6:30pm</b> Gerdie McGrath	Paud Sweeney
<b>9:30am</b> Pakie O'Brien	Catherine Crown/Mary MacLeod
<b>11am</b> Emma Kennedy	Patricia Murphy/Pauline Reale
Anniversaries: 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> June:	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June:
6:30pm Those sitting Leaving & Junior Cert exams	Philip & Josephine Hynan, Carrigmore
9:30am Denis O'Dwyer, Muine	Michael & Nonie Clancy, Hillview Grove
11am Jerry & Nonie Tierney & deceased members of the Tierney Family	People of the Parish
Michael English, Croughmorka	Peig O'Brien, Carrigbeg
	John & Mary Nolan, Kilmoylan & deceased members of the Nolan Family
	William O'Dea, Gurtnakistin

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June @ 7:30pm Jimmy Ryan Bank Place Months Mind

**First Friday:** Next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June is the First Friday of June. Usual communion calls after 9:30am mass. Devotions and Novena prayers during 7:30pm mass

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the soul of Kathleen O'Meara, Shinrone mother of Noreen Ryan, Chapel Rd whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.

**Doon & District Men's Shed:** every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome.

**Radio Marina Ireland:** now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210

**Mass Cards, Exam Cards & Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy.**

**Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns:** Weekly clean up on Wed. evenings @ 7pm. Meet at the Church Gates. Volunteers most welcome & needed.

**Doon Community Council:** Yoga classes with Rose starting on Tuesday 4th June @ 10am in the community centre. Contact Rose for information on 083 3311032. The Community Council and Men's Shed wish to thank all who supported the recent hill walk - special thanks to the Crowe, Richardson & Buckley families for access to the land, to Heiton Buckley merchants for sponsoring 4 x €100 vouchers, to Richardson's Butcher, Spar shop, The Local Bar, Red Cross & all who donated or helped in any way. €902 was raised and will go towards Doon Playground repairs. To book the hall, astro-turf pitch, any of the facilities or our birthday party package please contact 085 1443470. **Marquee hire also available.**

**Doon GAA: Lotto** No's drawn 1-13-15-21, no winner. Next week's jackpot €7,800. Draw will be held in Whelan's Bar.

**Doon Social Farm Open Day:** June 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm. Come meet the team at Doon Social Farm and find out about the services we provide and the products that we will be selling. Please kindly let us know if you are attending by email [anja.stenberg@ballyhouraruralservices.org](mailto:anja.stenberg@ballyhouraruralservices.org) or calling Anja on 061 380838.

**Primary Schools Amalgamation:** It is proposed that Doon Convent N.S. and Christian Brothers School may amalgamate. A community meeting will be held by the Trustees of both schools on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30 p.m. in Doon Convent N.S hall in relation to the amalgamation of our primary schools. This meeting is open to all parents and members of the community.

**Archdiocese of Cashel and Emlly 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019:** From 15 - 20 June fully inclusive price €745. Booking forms are available in the sacristy or from Joe Walsh Tours at [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) or by telephone 01 2410811. **For the assisted / sick pilgrim section** please contact Fr Joe Tynan, Parochial House Kiltely Co Limerick 061 384213. For anyone who is interested in becoming a helper to assisted pilgrims please contact Fr Jimmy for application form.

**Safe Guarding:** Safeguarding Policy in the Archdiocese and in the Parish: A concise policy leaflet is available in the church and on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Jane Hayes and Breda Purcell. Please take the safeguarding newsletter which is available at church exits.

**Visitation of the Sick in Hospitals & Nursing Homes:** Hospitals and Nursing Homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents. This is due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). 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.

**Mulcair G.I.Y:** will hold a talk on gardening by Limerick Leader expert James Vaughan on Wed June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm. Cappamore Community Centre. All welcome.

**Apostolate of eucharistic adoration pilgrimage to Knock Shrine:** Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> Bus from Pallasgreen @ 7:50 am fare €20 contact Mary Joe Fahey on 062 75287 or 75265

**A Prayer at Exam Time:** *Lord, as I face into examination time I turn once more to you, asking for your blessing and assistance. I ask you to give me peace of mind with a strong sense of work at this time. May I give myself space and time to revise and prepare to sit my examinations. Help me to keep focused on this task and not get too distracted by other aspects of my life. Keep me from getting into a panic and help me to do justice to all my work and preparations. On the days of my examinations, keep me calm, help me to think clearly, and understand what I'm being asked, and so to recall the study and work that I have put in this past year. Above all, Lord, I ask that you will allow my efforts to bring about the life you have planned for me. May I be open to your vision of what you wish for me and may I accomplish this now and in my future life. Amen.*