



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 3rd December 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Keep Awake! We are surrounded these days by the commercial 'circus' of Christmas shopping and 'getting ready'. It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000 years ago who had a very special delivery. The story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for? Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: 'Where do I see God being born around me today?' In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart? Have a more 'aware' Advent. Be mindful in all you do. Be aware in your rushing, be aware as you stand in that queue, be aware as you eat, be aware of your feelings, be aware of your thoughts. By watching all of this we become more awake, more able to recognise our true selves and more able to see God being born continuously each day within us and around us. Our awe and wonder grows and we can be prepared for the coming of the Gift himself. How we prepare determines what will be.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday's collection was €963-many thanks for your generosity

Cemetery Prayers: 3pm each Sunday for the month of November. Masses will be offered throughout the month for all the names on the November list. Envelopes are available as you leave the church.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 9th/10th Dec:

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6:30pm Brian McMahon	John Favier/Paudie Sweeney
9:30am Donie Anderson	Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin
11am Louisa O'Brien	Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney

Anniversaries: 2nd/3rd Dec:

6:30pm Ellen McGrath, Clogher
Michael Ryan, Gurtageire.
Mary Jo Griffin. Glasha Talann.

9:30am Mairead Hayes, Glengar.

11am John & Margaret Loughman, Gurtageire.
James & Mary Carr, Glengar
Michael Moloney, Toomaline-2nd Anniv.

Fri. 8th Thady Ryan Smith, Cooga Lower-Months Mind @ 7:30pm Mass.

9th/10th Dec:

James & Lena Allis, Carrigbeg & deceased family members & all who are interred in Castletown Cemetery.

Pat Sherwood, Gurtavalla.

Paddy O'Malley, Glengar-1st Anniv.

Dinny & Alice Hayes & their son Pat.

Dates: Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation Children on Sat. 9th Dec. @ 6:30pm. Confirmation on Tue. 10th April. First Holy Communion on Sun. 6th May.

Recently deceased: Tony Donnelly, Thurles-1st Cousin of Fr. Jimmy. May he rest in peace. Symapathy to the bereaved.

Holy Day of Obligation: Next Fri. 8th Dec. is the Fast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass on Thur. evening @ 7:30pm, Mass on Fri. @ 11am & 7:30pm.

Baptism: We welcome to our Christian Community Rosalie Tracy Ronan who was baptised last weekend. Congratulations to her parents James and Diane and the extended family.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10pm. Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord! As St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said; "Spend as much time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His Power." You can contact any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee: John O'Brien 380614 or (086)8586304, Mary MacCleod: 380987 or (087)1767465 & Marcia Mooney 380382 or (086)4038420 with your chosen hour or time.

Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa Christmas Fair: on Sun. 17th Dec. from 2-5pm. Anyone interested in exhibiting please contact the school office on (061) 380388. Cost per stand is €10.

Doon Study Hub: Open every Tue., Wed., and Thur. For times & prices please see our Facebook page or contact s via email doonstudyhub@gmail.com. We are also open every Sat. 10am to 2pm.

Doon ICA invites all ladies to join Gym class at Joe's Fitness Facility on Wed. night's at 8pm - €5 per night until Christmas. All welcome. Not confined to ICA members.

Doon Community Council: Senior Citizens Christmas Party takes place on Sun. 10th Dec. @ 1pm. Invitations can be collected to Doon Pharmacy, Doon Post Office, Spar Doon, McNamara's Hardware or the Butcher shop. Please return invitations to one of these premises by Mon. 4th Dec.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal: a huge Thank You to all who gave a box, donated to have a box filled, helped out at the depot checking & sorting & to those who came to help load the trucks on Thur. 23rd Nov. A total of 9,493 gift filled shoeboxes are on their way to Lesotho in South Africa making for some very excited & happy times ahead for those lucky enough to receive them.

Rosary for life & Protection: of unborn Sundays during advent at 5pm in Parish Church.

Gift Vouchers: now available for pilgrimage to Medjugorje on 5th Sept. 2018. If interested contact John O'Brien (086) 8586304.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Open public meeting of Tipperary town group will take place in the Tipperary Community Centre on Thur. 7th Dec. @ 8:30pm. Entrance to this meeting from the Blind Street side. If you are affected by your own drinking, or by the drinking of a family member you are welcome to attend this meeting. Al Anon speakers will be present on the night.

Annual SVP Collection: will take place after all Masses on Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th Dec. Theme for this year's appeal is 'Christmas is not the same for everyone.' Your support as always is gratefully appreciated.

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 2-4-21-28, congratulations to winner Breda Breen. Next week's jackpot is €2,000. **Limerick Club GAA Season Ticket:** anyone interested in purchasing a ticket €100 please contact Jack O'Connell (086) 0749277 before 15th Dec. **Best of luck:** to Limerick Senior hurlers who go boxing next weekend-Sat 9th in The South Court Hotel, especially our own local lads, Richie, Darragh, Pat & Barry. If anyone would like to purchase a ticket €20 please contact any of the boys.