



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 3rd February 2019

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Dear Parishioner, A prophet is never welcome in his home town. This familiar saying paraphrases the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus on this front: that feeling that no matter what we have done in our adult life, in our home place we are still identified with the child we were or the family we came from. Sadly there are some who seem to delight in taking others down a peg or two and ensuring they don't get ideas 'above their station'. Perhaps we ourselves have this tendency sometimes. We can be guilty of pigeonholing people, of silencing their voices because their message comes in the wrong package. We don't always recognise the prophets among us. Do we listen to young people's opinions? Do we dismiss the experience and wisdom of elderly people? Are we biased against certain groups of people, or do we shoot people down before they even speak, just because we have disagreed with something they said in the past? Jesus, the carpenter's son, faces this attitude in today's Gospel. Returning home to Nazareth he impresses his former neighbours at first with his preaching. But as soon as he challenges them, they turn on him. They refuse to listen to his message of hope and inclusion. They hustle him out of town and attempt to throw him from a cliff. 'Joseph's son' should not be speaking to them in this manner. Joseph's son should know his place.

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

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6:30pm Nora Ryan	Joan Ryan/Mary Hayes
Servers Iseult & Oran Ryan, Ciaran Hynes, Ciaran O'Dwyer	
9:30am Orla Treacy	Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin
11am Roisin Crowe	Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney
Servers Pdraig & Sean Hanley, Jessica & Joshua McLoughlin	

Anniversaries: 2nd/3rd Feb.:

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6:30pm Paddy McLoughlin, Glasha Talann-4 th Anniv. Kathleen & Paddy Ryan, Croughmakeen.	Dick & Sarah Walsh, Toher.
9:30am Lena, James & Kate Allis & deceased members of the Allis family, Carrigbeg.	
11am Mary & Edmund Harding, Coolnamona. John Quigley, Lacka-10 th Anniv. Jer & Mai Bray, Cliggin & Toher Rd. Bridie Ryan, Lisowen-10 th Anniv.	James Ryan, Toomaline Lower & his son Thomas, Assumption Terrace.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick Murphy, Grange Co. Waterford & Philip Bowles, Tipperary Town & Maura Conlon nee Higgins Cappamore and Monaghan. Our sympathy to the bereaved. My they rest in peace.

Baptism: We welcome to our Christian community Emilie Jane Brosnahan who was baptised here last Sunday. Congratulations to her parents Noel & Nessa and the extended family.

Feast of St Blaise: Sun. 3rd Feb. Throats will be blessed after 9:30am & 11am Masses on Sunday.

Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 1-8-12-14, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in GD's Bar with a jackpot of €4,400. **Ireland Lights Up:** continues every Thur. between 7-9pm until Thur. 21st Feb. All welcome. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection continues, any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Doon CBS Primary School: The Parents Association would like to thank all who supported their cake sale last weekend. A total of €1,818 was collected. It is very much appreciated by the pupils, staff & parents. **Wed. 6th Feb.:** Book Launch of 'We are Writers' @ 7:30pm, all welcome to attend. We are delighted to be part of #AldiPlayRugby & need parents help. For every €30 spent in-store you will receive a token. Please send these into The CBS. We will receive PE equipment for our school, we could also win a training session with Paul O'Connell! @Aldi_Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: Weekly classes as follows: Kettlebells-Mon. @ 9:30am & Wed. @7:30pm. Star Stage School Children's Drama-Wed. @ 4pm. Yoga-Thur. @ 7:30pm, Pilates-Thur. @ 9:30am, pay as you go. New members welcome to join. AGM will take place on Wed. 6th Feb. @ 8:30pm in the community centre. Halls, meeting rooms & astro turf available for rent. Birthday party package available also. Contact (085) 1443470 for bookings.

East Limerick Red Cross: We are holding an information meeting for anyone looking to try something new for 2019 and would like to invite you to come along to discuss joining the East Limerick Red Cross at the following venues: Mon. 4th Feb. @ 7:30 pm in Murroe GAA. Tue. 5th Feb @ 7:30pm in Millennium hall in Caherconlish & on Thur. 7th Feb. @ 7:30pm at Red Cross Office, 19 Main Street, Doon.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Sept. 4th-11th, half board accommodation €675 for bookings received before 1st Feb. Further details contact John O'Brien 086-8586304.

Cappamore Historical Society: have organised a lecture by Des Marnane entitled "From Ballot to Bullet December 1918 to January 1919" on Thur. 7th Feb. @ 7.30pm in Cappamore Community Centre.

Cashel & Emly Lourdes Fundraising Committee: are holding a Social Tea Dance in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish on Sat. 9th Feb. Music by: Glór Tíre Star Dermot Lyons, Dancing from 9:30pm-12:30am. Admission €10. Tickets available on the door or contact 086-8423172 for more info.

Milford Care Centre Bereavement Support: Information Evening Tue. 26th Feb. @ 7pm. This is one of the quarterly information evenings that are held throughout the year to provide information on normal grief & the support services offered by Milford Care Centre. **Anam Cara & Milford Care Centre Bereavement Information Evening:** Thur. 28th Feb. @ 7pm. Please note this event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death.

Applications for Lourdes Diocesan Youth Group Place are invited. Open to 5th year student only. June 15th-20th, one student will represent the Parish of Doon. If there are more than one applicant a draw will take place on Sat. 16th Feb. @ 6:30pm. Please forward your name to Fr Jimmy by 15th Feb.

The Cashel & Emly Lourdes Fundraising Committee Grand Draw: will take place on Fri. 1st March. All monies raised help with the high running costs of the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes & also helps subsidise the Assisted Pilgrims & Helpers fare for travelling to Lourdes. The tickets cost €20 & are available from Fr Jimmy. Support greatly appreciated.