



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

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Dear Parishioner,

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. It is a story that may remind us of our childhood, our first confession. As with all familiar Gospel stories, we are invited to read again with fresh eyes and hear again as if for the first time. For this story is very rich and we risk losing the meaning due to our familiarity with it. Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker.' We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, was searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner by the community. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes. The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be a witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to *restore* justice where he has acted unjustly. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. Jesus is waiting to be invited to his home *today*. Complaints and negativity continue in the background, but none of that matters. This man is a 'son of Abraham'. It was the affection of Christ, not the condemnation of the town, that reversed the situation.

Who do you need to reach out to today in a similar way?

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 9th & 10th Nov:

Readers:

6:30pm Marie Claire Hayes

9:30am Donal Anderson

11am Kay Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paud Sweeney/Mary Ryan

Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin

Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney

Anniversaries: 2nd & 3rd Nov:

6:30pm Annie & Thomas McLoughlin & Grandson
Shane & Tommy McLoughlin, Hillview Grove
Months Mind

9:30am Fr Dan Greene & Sister Eileen (Sr Magdalen)
late of Glengar

11am Bridget & Johnny Ryan, Cooga & Jeremiah
Ryan, Reenavanna
John & Joan Hayes, Toomaline

9th & 10th Nov:

Paudie Ryan & deceased members of the
Ryan family, Croughmakeen & the Hayes
family, Croughafoil

Richard Ryan, Lismaugh

Mary Coleman, Hillview Grove

For the Holy Souls

John Walsh, Toher Rd

MASSES FOR COMING WEEK: No Mass on Tuesday.

ROSARY: will be recited in graveyard at 3 o'clock on Sundays for month of November

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

DOON & DISTRICT MENS SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: Church cleaning Tues next 5th November @10am. New people are always welcome. Thanks to the group for keeping the Church so clean for all of us.

LEGION OF MARY: The 9.30 am Mass on Monday 4th Nov will be offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

ADORATION GROUP: people needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. if you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

TEAMHOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Please pick up a leaflet as you leave if you would like to get involved in this year's appeal. Simply fill a shoebox with age appropriate gifts to include items to wash, wear, write and wow to be ready by Nov 15th. If you would like to give a donation instead of filling a box one will be filled on your behalf. Contact Norah on 087 9384583 for more details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: November Remembrance Liturgy for our departed loved ones Wednesday 6th Nov @ 7.30 PM. Both primary schools will participate in the Liturgy which is a Parish Event. November Souls Envelopes will be available from this weekend. **Confirmation** is Tuesday 31st March 2020. **First Holy Communion** is Sunday 3rd May 2020. 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.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Senior Alert Scheme: anyone over 65 years and are interested in a panic alarm please contact Mike at (087) 6764345. Installation of the equipment, the equipment and 1st year monitoring is free. **Doon Text Alert:** if you haven't signed up and wish to sign up please give your details to the Post Office or members of the group, Denis Duggan, Con Hourigan, Francis Cummins and Josephine Morrissey. Annual subscription of €10. The Texts from local Gardai will seek the public's help and provide warnings of any suspicious activity in the area. **Scrap Metal Collection:** Thanks to all who donated scrap metal to our annual collection and thanks to all those who volunteered their time in collecting it. €6,400 was raised and will go towards hall/playground running costs. **Senior Citizens Christmas Party** is set for Sunday 8th December. Invitations will be available shortly from local businesses. To book hall, pitch or meeting rooms call 085 1443470. Birthday party & bouncy castle package also available.

SPLIT THE POT: The Parents Association of Doon CBS Primary School are running a Split the Pot fundraiser. €2 to play. Envelopes available from the school and all local businesses. First draw is Nov 7th.

DOON YOUTH CLUB: Every Wednesday in the Community Centre from 7pm to 8pm. Registration for 10 years of age, 5th, 6th class & 1st years on the night. €10 to register and €2 thereafter.

DOON BADMINTON CLUB: every Monday in the main hall of the Community Centre from 8pm to 10pm, at €5 per person. Game time is around 20 mins, to give everyone a chance of a game. Over 16's

DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY New publication "History of the White Family". A new edition of John Davis White's family history edited by Margaret Franklin with a contribution by Dr. Shane Newport is on sale now in local shops and from Margaret (087 4152151) Price €20

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 5-11-13-23 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Kelly's bar with a jackpot of €4,600.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening. for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net