



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—4th December 2016

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Dear Parishioner, Christmas is coming! If you are not already busy preparing, then you will have at least heard many people telling you it is time you started getting ready. As the people of God we too need to start thinking about the welcoming of the Christ and the preparations that we are called upon to make as disciples. John the Baptist is a prophetic voice for all ages: his message speaks to us today, for conversion is always part of the Christian way of living. Conversion to each other is called for by St Paul, so that we can be tolerant of each other, united in mind and heart. We must prepare the way for the Lord to enter our lives, to enter the lives of those around us, and to enter into our world with his word of peace and forgiveness.

Thursday the 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass on Wed. evening at 7:30pm. (note NO Mass on Wed. morning). Mass on Thur. at 11am and 7:30pm

A big thank you to everyone who made last Sunday's event so special for my family, friends & myself.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €1,100, many thanks.

Weekly Envelopes for the coming year: Distributors can collect their area envelopes from the sacristy after Masses over the coming weekends. Thanks to all who contribute to the collections during the year. Any outstanding dues would be gratefully received.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 10th/11th Dec.:

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6:30pm Josephine Morrissey	Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon
9:30am Orla Treacy	Nora Coffey/Margaret Crowe
11am Catherine Tierney	John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

Servers 10th/11th Dec.:

6:30pm James Collins, Bonnie Rose Crowe, Ciaran Hynes Jamie Cahill
11am Shauna & Tomas Lynch, Jack McPartland, Naoise Ryan, Ciaran Whelan

Anniversaries/Months Mind:

3 rd /4 th Dec:	10 th /11 th Dec:
6:30pm Michael Ryan, Gurntageire.	Mary & Jimmy Ryan, Cooga.
Denis & Alice Hayes & their son Pat.	Andy & Nora Mai Murphy, Lacka.
Darragh O'Brien, Cooga.	Richard Ryan, Liscaugh-Months Mind
9:30am Mairead Hayes, Lisowen.	-
11am John & Margaret Loughman, Gurntageire.	Mary & James Carr, Glengar.
Michael Moloney, Toomaline.	

Recently Deceased: We pray for Josephine Quinlan, Glengar who was laid to rest on Mon. 28th Nov. Pat O'Driscoll, Middleton & formerly Main Street Doon who was laid to rest on Mon. 28th Nov. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party: will be held on Sun. 11th Dec. Mass at 1pm. Please let us know before 5th Dec. if you intend joining us. Pphone (086) 846091 to confirm.

Dún Bleisce Historical Society: will hold a talk in the Fr. McGrath hall on Mon. 5th Dec. @ 8.00 pm. The talk "After the Rising, Frongoch & the rise of Sinn Fein" will be given by Dr. Noreen Higgins. All are welcome

O Holy Night: Fr. Liam Lawton in concert in Clonoulty on 14th Dec. @ 8pm.

ICA: meeting on Thurs. 8th Dec @ 8 pm in Community Centre. New members welcome

Doon-Oola GAA Golf Society will hold their Christmas Outing on Sat. 10th Dec. in Tipperary Golf Club. Tee Time 11am to 12:15pm. We are looking to encourage new members so if you have not played with us previously why not come & join us for the day. Golf & dinner €25, all are welcome. Draw for partners at 10:30am.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection: will be taken up after all Masses on Sat. 10th & Sun. 11th Dec. There is a myth that the recession is over but not all the people are feeling the recovery! By giving what you can, you will be helping us helping those in crisis. If you or a neighbour/relative could do with a visit from our members, our number is (087) 1459024. A sincere and heartfelt 'thank you' for all your support.

Presentation to Fr. Tony Ryan: will take place at the Venue Dundrum, Co. Tipperary on Tues. 13th Dec. at 8pm. Everyone is welcome and finger food will be provided, to have an idea for catering a book will be available in the Church porch & if you wish to attend please sign your name, number of people attending & phone no. Closing date is Sun. 11th Dec. It would be a great tribute to Fr. Ryan to have a good turnout so please do come along.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2016: A huge Thank You to all who donated boxes, donated to have a boxes filled & gave of their time in the depot checking & sorting & making sure that all 9,681 gift filled shoeboxes were ready to be sent to the Democratic Republic of Congo on Thurs. 24th Nov. & Odessa in Southern Ukraine on Fri. 25th Nov.

Date for the Diary: Scoil na Trionoide Naofa Christmas Liturgy in Parish Church @ 7:30pm on Fri. 9th Dec. All welcome.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 28th Nov. no's drawn 1-2-12-25, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €9,600. Our AGM took place on Sat. 26th Nov. The following were elected: Chairman: Mike Ryan, Vice Chairman: Pat O'Donovan. Secretary: Declan Ryan, Ass. Secretary: Rob O'Connell. Treasurer: Jack O'Connell, Ass. Treasurer: Patricia Murphy. PRO: Francis Cummins. Registrar: Patricia Murphy. Co. Board Delegate: Pat O'Donovan, East Board Delegate: Declan Ryan. Development Draw: Donal Anderson. Club Lotto Chairman: Martin Crowe. Irish Officer: Br. J.L. Dormer. Child Welfare: Marie Riordan. Health & Well-Being: Lorna Flint. Membership 2017: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18s: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy. **Congratulations:** to Doon minor camogie team who defeated Ahane in Final last weekend.