



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—5th February 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Salt and Light: In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €1,001, many thanks.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 11th/12th Feb:

Readers:

6:30pm Mairead Maher
9:30am Tom Cummins
11am Orla Kennedy

Eucharistic Ministers:

Majella Moloney/Emma McGrath
Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
Pauline Reale/Patricia Murphy

Altar Servers:

6:30pm Aidan O'Connell, Gareth Thomas, Emma Hickey, Grainne O'Dwyer
11am Alisha Davis, Cathal Hayes, Aidan & Sean Moloney

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: will be available next weekend in the Sacristy.

Anniversaries/Months Mind:

4th/5th Feb:

6:30pm Paddy McLoughlin Coolbane.
Con & Kay O'Driscoll, Main St.
9:30am Bridie Ryan, Lisowen.
11am Matt Treacy, Foilacleara.
Mary Edmund & Mick Harding
Coolnamona.
Paddy O'Malley, Glengar.
Maureen Crowe, Carrigmore.

11th/12th Feb:

Morgan & Cathy Crowe, Cooga
John Quigley, Lacka
Nonie & Dinny Duggan & Brian Mahon,
Croughmorka.

Recently Deceased: Teresa O'Connell, Oola (mother of Rob O'Connell) who was laid to rest on Wed. in Tipperary Town. Sympathy to the bereaved. May she rest in peace.

Mass only on Wednesday morning 8th Feb. @ 9:30am. From Sunday afternoon the 5th of Feb. until Tue. 7th Feb. the Priests of the Archdiocese along with Archbishop Kiernan will have a facilitated gathering in Garyvoe Co. Cork to discuss future planning for our archdiocese. Fr. Jimmy will be in Lourdes for planning meetings from the 8th – 12th Feb. **The only morning mass next week is on Wed. 8th @ 9:30am.** If a priest is needed urgently during those dates please contact Fr. Dick Browne in Cappamore on (061) 381288.

Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly: Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16th-21st June. Fully inclusive Price €699. For more information contact Joe Walsh Tours, Dublin, Tel. (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, Doon (061) 380165. Rev. Joe Tynan, Kiltteely (061) 384213

JS Fitness Classes: in Doon Community Centre on Tue. @ 6:45pm Beginners, 7:30pm Insanity. Wed. @ 9:30am Bums & Tums. Thur. @ 6:45pm Beginners, 7:30pm Insanity. Fri. @ 9:30am Bums & Tums. Sat. @ 6pm Cardio-Strength-Core. All classes €5.

Social Dancing Classes: every Wed. night @ 8pm in Doon Community Centre, beginners welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 6th to 13th Sept. departing from Shannon €659 for bookings received before 1st Feb. Contact John O'Brien, Cooga (061) 380614.

Kelly Travel: New city route. Departure from Doon Bus Park @ 11am every Sat. €5 return fare, €3 single. For more information contact (061) 384422.

Ballyhoura Development CLG: has been awarded funding from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment, to provide basic digital skills training to people under the Department's new Digital Skills for Citizens Grant Scheme. In a 'connected' society, digital skills for everyone are absolutely essential, in order to realise the full social & economic potential of the digital world. Helping individuals, communities & businesses acquire them is a priority of this scheme. Training is delivered over five two hour sessions and is FREE. Training will be available throughout the Ballyhoura area. For further information or to book a place on this Digital Skills for Citizens training, please contact Ballyhoura Development in the Cappamore office on (061) 381174.

'COME AND SEE' : a Chance to reflect, think, chat and hopefully help answer that 'Call to Priesthood' Question...Taking place on Fri. 17th @ Sat. 18th Feb. in Pallottine College, Thurles. Dinner on Friday @ 6pm, followed by time of prayer – meet others thinking of Priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight, breakfast, a brief talk on discerning a vocation, preparation for Mass, lunch, discussion and departure. Advance booking is required: Contact Fr. Joe Walsh, Templemore (086) 7714888

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 30th Jan. no's drawn 8-14-18-25, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €11,400. **National Draw Tickets:** this is the last week to purchase these tickets. Tickets are €10 and you could be in with a chance to win fabulous prizes. Remember all proceeds from the draw are retained by the club. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. Oisín McConville will deliver a very informative talk on Gambling in the GAA on Thur. 23rd Feb. @ 8 pm in Doon Community Centre.