



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-5th March 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Lent coincides with the arrival of spring, the lengthening of days and the appearance of crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils. They have all refused to give in to the weight of snow, the sharpness of the frost and the lack of light. They just grow despite everything. Lent is an invitation to us to do something similar. It's an invitation to grow, to recognize that when all is said and done we are spiritual people and that we need to pay attention to that. What it means to be spiritual is beautifully summed up by the prophet Micah when he reminded people that God only asks three things of us ".... act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)

So if we want something to do for Lent there we have it: **Act justly** – reflect on the injustice around us and do something to change it. **Love tenderly** – forget myself and reach out to those in need. **Walk humbly** – take time to pray, make a space for God and the Good News in our busy lives.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €1,020- many thanks. **Trocaire Boxes** are available as you leave the Church.

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

Readers:

6:30pm Paud Sweeney
9:30am Orla Treacy
11am Roisin Crowe

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney

Altar Servers: 11th/12th March:

6:30pm Ciara & Caitlin O'Grady, Oran Ryan & Dylan Byrne
11am Cathal Hayes, Aidan & Sean Moloney

Anniversaries: 4th/5th March:

6:30pm Josephine Buckley, Glengar & family Jack, Bill & Chris
Maureen & Ned Morrissey, Toomaline
9:30am Fr. Sean Sweeney, Liscaugh & his parents Paddy & Annie
11am William & Thomas O'Brien, Glengar. Thomas
William & Lena Ryan, Commonaline

11th/12th March:

Mary Ryan, Carnahalla.
Mary & Jimmy Ryan, Cooga.
Ciara McKenna, Hillview Grove.
Timmy & Bridie Whelan, Lacknagoneeny.
Mai & Denis Ryan, Glengar.

Obituaries: Jack Breen, Ayle (father of Joanne O'Connell & Elizabeth Breen) laid to rest on Wed. 1st Mar. Philomena Bowen, Cork (mother of Marcia Mooney) laid to rest on Fri. 3rd Mar. Sr. Joan O'Meara (Convent of Holy Family Liverpool & Toomaline). Sympathy to the bereaved, may they rest in peace.

Recently Christened: we welcome into our Christian Community Nathan Patrick John Murphy. Congratulations to his parents Kenneth & Aisling & extended family.

Congratulations: to Nicole English & Colm Maher who were married in Doon last Thur. We wish them well in their lives together as husband & wife & pray God's blessing on their marriage.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10am to 10pm. As a Lenten observance it may well be an opportunity for you to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please take a leaflet and commit some time. If you cannot fulfill your allotted time for some reason subs are available to take your place. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

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.

Lourdes Youth Group 2017: 5th year students from Doon Parish who are interested in putting their name forward for the youth section on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes can forward their names to Fr Jimmy by text or email during the coming week. **One person's name will be drawn at 6.30 Mass on the 11th of March.**

Doon C.B.S. Primary School: Application forms are now available for pupils wishing to enrol in Doon C.B.S. next school year. Apply to the school.

Scripture Study Reflection for Lent: *Hearing Happening Hoping Cashel & Emly Lent 2017* in the Marian Hall, Tipperary Town on Tuesday 7th & 14th March, @ 7.30p.m Facilitators: Mary Harrington, Joan Ryan, Sadie Moloney and Caherconlish Millennium Centre on Tuesday 7th & 14th March @ 7.30p.m. Facilitators: Sr. Brenda O'Rourke and Frances O'Brien.

Doon ICA: meeting on Thur. 9th Mar. @ 8pm in Doon Community Centre.

Seisium: takes place on the third Wed. of every month in the Millennium Centre Caherconlish, this month's one is on Wed. 15th of March @ 8:30pm. It's a fundraiser for Milford Hospice & we would appreciate it if people would come along & enjoy a great nights entertainment of music, song, dance & Craic. Light refreshments are served & a raffle will be held on the night.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 27th Feb. no's drawn 4-5-21-22, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €12,200. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Fixtures:** East Senior C/Ship Doon v Ahane in Ahane @ 3pm on Sun. 5th March. **Results:** U21 C/Ship Doon 2-9 Murroe Boher 0-11. **Save the Dates:** A night at the dogs will take place on April 1st in Limerick Dog Track. Tickets now available from committee members, tickets €10 each & juveniles are free on the night. Please support. Strictly Come Dancing on 29th Oct. in Doon community Centre. **Congratulations:** to Darragh O'Donovan & Richie English who won Fitzgibbon Cup with Mary I and also to David Stapleton who won Ryan Cup with Garda College.

Book Launch: The history of the GAA in the parish of Kilcommon, (Kilcommon, Hollyford, Rearcross), compiled by Paddy Ryan (Coole) will be launched on Sun. 5th Mar. @ 6.30pm at the club house Kilcommon Cross. All are welcome.