



## St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—6<sup>th</sup> August 2017

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### Dear Parishioner,

In this week's Gospel Jesus explains to us that while we are on our journey towards God we experience high moments, times when we find ourselves on holy ground, and God shows himself. This can happen at Mass, at a First Holy Communion celebration any other sacramental celebration in our lives. We may also find ourselves on holy ground during many other blessed occasions, for example, at the birth of a baby or at the passing of a loved one. When St Peter witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus he realized he was on holy ground. He wanted to build a place to honour this. The voice of God calls the disciples to listen. They were in danger of being distracted by what they witnessed and might have missed the meaning that they had to listen closely. This is what Jesus has been asking us to do. If we really think about it, our entire lives are joined together by little stepping stones that are blessed and holy ground. We move from one holy stepping stone to the next trying not to lose our balance and fall in between! The disciples were encouraged because they saw Jesus in all his glory. We are called to take the time out to rest in this image and allow our lives to be blessed and holy today and tomorrow. This way we do not have to wait for the extraordinary events and delight in the ordinary every day.

**Offertory Collection:** €920. Thank you for your generosity it is very much appreciated. The second collection for Trocaire emergency appeal for famine relief in Africa amounted to €1,445 again thank you for your support it is very much appreciated.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> August:

#### Readers:

6:30pm Chloe Byrne  
9:30am Marie Duggan  
11am Kay Ryan

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan  
Nora Coffey/Bridget Duggan  
Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

### Altar Servers: 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> August:

6:30pm Eadaoin and Pádraig Crowe, Ciaran O' Dwyer & Jamie Cahill  
11am Thomas and Shauna Lynch, Jack McPartland, Naoise Ryan & Ciaran Whelan

### Anniversaries: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> August:

6:30pm Denis & Nora Coffey, Anna Coffey & Sr. Dymna Kilbride  
9:30am Maurice O'Connor Moher  
Michael Anderson, Coolbane  
11am Paul Maher, Toher Rd 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> August:

Mike Buckley Glengar  
Mary Madden, Gurtavalla

**If anyone is housebound, in hospital or in a nursing home please let Fr Jimmy know if they would like a visit.**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Please pick up 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.

**MS Ireland:** would like to thank all who supported last weekend's church gate collection. The amount of €1,064.70 was raised

**Amoris:** You are cordially invited to an exciting and interactive journey of reflection on love, marriage and family which will run locally in every diocese in Ireland in September 2017 and is also available online. Visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris)

**Volunteer Now:** Would you or could you volunteer to help when Pope Francis visits our country from 21 – 26 August 2018 for the World Meeting of Families. Information leaflet available as you leave the church or lookup [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)

**Our Lady of Fatima Centenary Celebrations:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917 – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – To celebrate the centenary the Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each month from May until October @ 6pm. The Pilgrim Statue of Our lady of Fatima is available to visit your home for these few months. If you would like to host the statue in your home for a week please put your name address and contact details on the sheet as you leave the church.

**School Reunion:** Did you do your Leaving Cert in Doon CBS or Doon Convent of Mercy in 1987? If you did, your reunion is on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017** @ the GN Ballykisteon Golf Hotel. Further information and tickets available from [doon1987reunion@gmail.com](mailto:doon1987reunion@gmail.com) or on our Facebook page Doon 1987 Reunion.

**Lough Derg 2017:** You may begin the 3 Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> August. Advance booking is not necessary. Call Maureen or Lorraine on (071) 9851518, email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**A Service of Healing:** with Mass will be held in Kiltely Parish Church Co. Limerick on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August @ 8pm Celebrant:- Fr. John Keane. All are welcome.

**A One Day Retreat to Loughderg:** will take place the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, leaving on the 21<sup>st</sup> and staying overnight in Bundoran. Two buses are being organised. Please give you name, contact number to any of the following: Donald Kennedy (Killenaule) 052 9156482/087 2820046, Fr Joe Tynan (Kiltely) 087 2225445, Maura Ryan (Upperchurch) 087 2424033, Margaret O'Dwyer (Annacarty) 087 9785893, Bridget O'Driscoll (Pallasgreen) 087 6305889, Anne Hayes Clonoulty, Fr Martin Murphy (Drom) 086 3868877, Bridget O'Dea (Loughmore) 086 6792754.

**The Paddy Dakar :** Doon's popular motorcycle event is now open for registration. We welcome the support of all those from nearby communities and especially encourage you to participate in and spread the word of this year's Paddy Dakar which will be held on the last weekend in September.

**Doon Community Council:** would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning and cake sale, last Sunday in Jack Ryan's Bar. A total of €1,132 was raised. A special mention of gratitude goes to Jack Ryan, Mike Holmes, Maria Short and everyone who baked and donated cakes for the occasion. **A 7km Road Walk** will take place on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August in aid of the 95 stop tour for Limerick children (the ARK and CARI) and Doon Community Centre/Playground. The walk starts at 8pm at the community centre and finishes at the local bar. Music and BBQ afterwards with 4x100 vouchers for Heaton Buckley's for walkers on the night.

**Doon GAA: Lotto:** Mon. 31<sup>st</sup> July. no's drawn 10-12-13-21, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €2,800.

**Notes for Newsletter:** To guarantee inclusion in newsletter, notes to be emailed or dropped to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday Evening.