



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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Dear Parishioner,

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6BC was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God. We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

**Collection last weekend:** Amount collected will no longer be published publicly for security reasons. If anyone would like to know the amount collected feel free to ask Fr Jimmy.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Jan**

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| <b>Readers:</b>   | <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> |
| <b>6:30pm</b> Chloe Byrne   | Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes         |
| <b>Servers:</b> Sheana Buckley, James Buckley, Lauren Ryan & Grainne Ryan         |                               |
| <b>9:30am</b> Mary Lysaght  | Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod  |
| <b>11am</b> Emma Kennedy  | John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton  |
| <b>Servers:</b> Padraig Richardson, Eamon Richardson, Caoimhe Murphy & Orla Hayes |                               |

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| <b>Anniversaries: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019:</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Jan.:</b>    |
| 6:30pm:Nora & John Thompson, Bank Place.                      | Michael O'Brien & his parents Molly &           |
| Andy & Nora Mai Murphy, Lacka.                                | Paddy and his brother Tom                       |
| Peggy O'Dwyer, Carnahalla.                                    | Jack Maher, Glasha Talann (1 <sup>st</sup> )    |
| Nancy Beresford- Months Mind.                                 |   |
| 9:30am Michael Quigley, Toomaline.                            | Paddy Ryan, Gurtavalla Cross (1 <sup>st</sup> ) |
| Con O'Brien, Coolnamona.                                      |   |
| 11am Margaret Cummins, Carrigmore.                            | George & Kate Lonergan                          |
| Sean, Gillian & PJ Richardson, Lacka.                         | Michael O'Brien, Carrigbeg                      |

Theresa Moloney Kilmoylan (1<sup>st</sup>)

Phyllis Brosnan & her parents Patrick & Mary Danaher, Reenavanna

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Philomena Doherty (nee Treacy), Donohill, and late of Foilaclera, Doon who was laid to rest last week - Aunt of Nora Treacy and Connie O'Connell, Cooga whose funeral took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Our sympathy to the bereaved.

**New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** available from the sacristy or if you would like it emailed, please text your name & email to Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898.

**Men's Shed:** continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 2-10-12-18, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January with a jackpot of €3,600.

**"Bleisce"-Doon Parish Journal 2018:** is now on sale. Thanks to all who helped with this publication & placed adverts in it.

**Wren Walk for Chernobyl:** A huge Thank You to all who turned out on St Stephen's Day to walk and help raise €737.22 for our "Home of Hope". A special mention of thanks for the use of the Pastoral Centre and to our local Spar who provided us with freshly baked mince pies. All monies raised go directly towards the upkeep of this foster home and having visited there last year the family are forever grateful for all that is done for them.

**Doon CBS Primary School:** The Parents Association of Doon CBS Primary School will hold a cake sale at the Pastoral Centre on Sat and Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> after all masses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa:** STN Doon Camogie Munster Colleges Senior A final. Doon V Ursuline Convent, Waterford @ 2pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January in Cappamore. Support as always is greatly appreciated.

**LCFE Cappamore Campus:** is now enrolling for part-time courses starting in January 2019. Apply online at [www.lcfe.ie](http://www.lcfe.ie). Enrolment evening Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January from 5 – 7pm. Courses include Welding, Special Needs Assisting, Child Development, Care Skills, Care Support and Work Experience, Nutrition, Art and many more. Contact the College @ 061 381272 or call into the Campus for further details.

**Radio Maria Ireland:** Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210. Join our growing listenership family for daily Holy Mass, Prayer, lively chat, music and testimonies, youth programmes & events – Good News from all corners of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

**First Holy Communion:** will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Enrolment for First Holy Communion Sat.26<sup>th</sup> Jan. @ 6:30pm Mass.

**Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.**