



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 6th October 2019

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Dear Parishioner,

A question: do you feel that your faith is strong enough? I'd hazard a guess that for many of us the answer is *no*. Faith can be a fragile thing. It changes throughout our lives. It is tested and it wanes and wobbles at times, particularly when we go through periods of pain or loss. A lot of the time we feel like we could be doing better – we should be spending more time in prayer, meditating on the Scriptures, making more effort to put the Gospel into action in our families and in our communities. No matter what stage we're at in our faith journey, there is room for improvement; God always wants to draw us closer to him. There is a great image of hope in today's Gospel. The mustard seed brings to mind something that is tiny, weak and insignificant. But Jesus says that if our faith is even the size of a mustard seed, we are capable of great things! God grows strength out of weakness. Once we have a small spark of faith in our hearts, it can grow into something strong. If we nourish it, turn to God more often, make more space for him in our daily routine, wonderful things will follow. Find that spark, and let it shine!

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 12th & 13th Oct:

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6:30pm Eoin Doyle	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
9:30am Pakie O'Brien	Margaret Loughman/ Marie Ryan
11am Margaret Ryan	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Anniversaries: 5th & 6th Oct:

6:30pm For the people of the parish	12th/13th Oct: Nellie Slattery, Cooga Michael Danaher, Dundee, Scotland and late of Reenavanna – Month's Mind
9:30am William Hewitt, Carnahalla	For the people of the parish
11am Bridget Ryan, Dublin & Toomaline Lower 2 nd Catherine Ryan, Gurtavalla	Kathleen Hayes, Main St

MASS CARDS: available in the sacristy.

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: Church cleaning next Tuesday 8th October @ 10 am

DOON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: continues every Monday night @ 8pm in the convent

"BLEISCE" DOON PARISH JOURNAL: In order to have the 28th issue of "Bleisce" on sale in early December we must have submissions (which may be subject to editing) by October 25th. Articles, tributes, club reports etc. may be given to Donal Anderson, Fr Jimmy or Peggy Sweeney or emailed to doonparishjournal@hotmail.com. Old photos, special occasion photos, Santa or pet photos are most welcome. If emailing photos **PLEASE send in JPEG Format and not as part of text document.**

ADORATION GROUP: people needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. if you can help please contact john 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

IRISH RED CROSS: The East Branch of the Irish Red Cross will hold a church gate collection after all Masses next weekend the 12th & 13th October. Support greatly appreciated.

KILCOMMON PARISH NOVENA: Saturday 12th Oct to Sunday 20th Oct.

TEAMHOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Just a little reminder if you would like to get involved this year leaflets and more information will be available in the coming weeks. Gift filled shoeboxes need to be ready by 15th November.

DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: New publication "History of the White Family". A new edition of John Davis White's family history edited by Margaret Franklin with a contribution by Dr. Shane Newport White will be launched on Sat 12th October @ 8 pm in the Fr. McGrath Hall. All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY: Commencing on Tuesday 1st October the weekly meeting of the Legion will commence @ 7 p.m. New members welcome. **October Rosary:** The Rosary will be prayed in the Church each Sunday during October commencing @ 6 p.m.

DÚN BLEISCE TIDY TOWNS: Used clothes collection on Sunday Oct 6th & 13th @ Pastoral Centre from 9.00 am to 12 noon, clothes, shoes & handbags gratefully accepted but **NO duvets or pillows.**

VISITATION OF THE SICK: in Hospitals and Nursing Homes. Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

DIOCESAN LISTENING PROCESS: follow-up: Please visit our Diocesan website at www.cashel-emly.ie to view ongoing developments arising from the Listening Process including details of upcoming Gatherings of Parishes in October to identify priorities for parishes in our diocese. You are most welcome to participate in our discussions as we plan for 2020 and beyond. I would encourage you to participate in the next meeting for our Parish of Doon on Wed 30th Oct @ 7.30pm – Murroe Parishes in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish.

OCTOBER IS SAFEGUARDING MONTH: Safeguarding seeks to be proactive and covers both children and vulnerable adults. Education and training are key in keeping the safeguarding message current and not allowing for compliancy. We hold regular training days, conferences and information sessions, which can be found by clicking on www.cashel-emly.ie/safeguarding. 17th October Safeguarding talk with key speakers are Kevin Hyland OBE- Child Trafficking in Ireland and Dr Maureen Griffin-Online solicitation of minors. To book a place please contact Diocesan Office. €10 booking fee.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Annual Scrap Metal collection is on this weekend at the Community Centre. Main hall will be available for indoor soccer, volleyball & badminton. To book hall, pitch or meeting rooms call 085 1443470.

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 1-12-18-28 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in GD's Bar with a jackpot of €3,800.

DOON YOUTH CLUB: Wednesday 16th October in the Community Centre from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. Registration for 5th & 6th class & 1st years on the night. €10 to register and €2 thereafter. Due to lack of volunteers any child involved their parent/guardian must do at least do one Wednesday a month.

CATCHING THE LIGHT EXHIBITION: I wish to thank most sincerely each and everyone who came to the exhibition. Your support was very much appreciated. Kindest regards, Michael O' Brien.

CAPPAMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: will host a Lecture in the Community Centre on Friday 18th October @ 8pm entitled "Improving Policing and Community safety in Ireland: the work of the O'Toole Commission." The lecture will be given by Sinead Ryan former Secretary to the independent Commission on the future of Policing in Ireland. There will be a charge of 5 euro to non-members, and Refreshments will be provided after the lecture.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net