



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 7<sup>th</sup> January 201**

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**Dear Parishioner,** The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday's collection was €1,060-many thanks for your generosity

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
<b>6:30pm</b> Conor Kelly	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
Servers: Aidan O'Connell, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Sheana & James Buckley, Liliana Bodnak	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
<b>9:30am</b> Donie Anderson	Donal Anderson/Anita Sweeney
<b>11am</b> Therese & Anna O'Dea	
Servers: Conor Kennedy, Isabelle Maher, Cathal Sweeney, Jessica & Joshua McLoughlin	
<b>Anniversaries: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Jan:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Jan:</b>
6:30pm Michael O'Brien & his parents Molly & Paddy & brother Tom.	Betty Breen, Lisowen.
Morgan & Kathy Crowe, Cooga.	Denis, Annie & Margaret Reale,
Gillian, Sean & PJ Richardson, Lacka	Glengar
9:30am Michael Quigley, Toomaline.	Con O'Brien Coolnamona.
	Thomas Richardson, Doon East & his Sister Peg.
11am Nora & John Thompson, Bank Place	George & Kate Lonergan, Kilmoylan.
Margaret Cummins, Carrigmore-1 <sup>st</sup> Ann. & Nom Ryan.	Michael O'Brien, Carrigbeg.
Norrie Hartnett, Toher Road.	

**Dates:** Confirmation Day- Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> April. First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** will be available from the Sacristy NEXT WEEKEND or if you would like it emailed contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898.

**Recently Deceased:** Teresa Moloney, Kilmoylan & London. Mary Ryan, Bawnbrack Golden mother of Carmel McGrath. Both their funerals took place during the week. Sympathy to the bereaved. May they rest in peace.

**Baptism:** We welcome to our Christian community Sadie Anne Crowe, Carrigmore who was baptised last weekend. Congratulations to her parents Pat & Niamh and the extended family.

**Doon Community Council:** will host the play 'Murder Inn' on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2018. Tickets will be available shortly from local businesses & committee members. **Star Stage School:** for children aged 5 & older is coming to Doon. Registration on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 6-7pm in Fr. McGrath Hall. Phone 087 9826879 for more information.

**Backstage Ireland Drama Workshop:** The Drama workshop for 7-13 year olds organised by Backstage-Ireland begins a new term at Doon Community Centre on **Fri. 12<sup>th</sup>** Jan. it runs every **Friday** from 3.15pm-4.15pm and a small number of places are available for new students starting. Enrolment takes place at the first session-For information contact Backstage on 091-375381 or e-mail [backstageireland@eircom.net](mailto:backstageireland@eircom.net). or just come along during session time.

**Doon ICA:** invites all ladies to join Gym class at Joey's Fitness Facility on Tue. night's @ 8:30pm. All welcome, this class is not confined to ICA members.

**Anam Cara Tipperary:** an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 7:30pm-9pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. Anam Cara Tipperary offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

**LCFE Cappamore Campus:** is now enrolling for part-time courses including: Welding, Care Skills, Special Needs Assisting and many more starting in Jan. 2018. Apply online at [www.lcfe.ie](http://www.lcfe.ie). Enrolment evening Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January from 5 – 7pm, phone the College any morning 9.30am – 1.30pm on 061 381272 or call into the College for further details.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 8-12-19-28, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €3,000. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell.