



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018**

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Dear Parishioner, Today's gospel is challenging. It contains two instances of Jesus correcting a popular opinion of the time and offering an alternative way. The first is one of the few times Jesus is presented as speaking about marriage. The question asked by the Pharisees is whether it is 'against the Law' for a man to divorce his wife. Note that they do not ask whether divorce is right, or just – only whether it is legal. They are testing Jesus of course. They know the answer and so does he: divorce was indeed allowed under the law. Divorce was relatively common in the society of the time, though there were different interpretations of the law. But Jesus, as always, is less concerned about the law than the rightness of a situation. He directs his questioners instead to God's plan for marriage and the unity between a married couple. When he delivers his strongest words about divorce, it is in the context of adultery; the sin is not the breaking of the legal agreement, but the betrayal of one's spouse. The Pharisees are asking the wrong question.

The second part of the gospel sees Jesus once again teaching people to look at things in a new way. Children at the time of Jesus, not unlike wives, were often viewed as property, without any rights of their own. The disciples fail to show any concern for them when they turn them away. But Jesus welcomes them, blesses them, and treats them with love and concern. He goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their faith and openness. Another surprising attitude!

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday €952, thank you for your contributions.

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

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
6:30pm Nora Ryan	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
9:30am Orla Treacy	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
11am Emma Kennedy	Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney

<b>Anniversaries: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Oct.:</b>	<b>13/14<sup>th</sup> Oct.:</b>
6:30pm Catherine Ryan, Gurtavalla.	William Hewitt, Carnahalla.
9am Nellie Slattery, Cooga.	People of the Parish.
11am Bridget Ryan, Toomaline Lower-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.	William & Bridget Lysaght, Monastery Rd
Kathleen Hayes, Main St.	Mary Bourke, Cooga-Months Mind.

**Congratulations:** to Jessica Buckley & Alan Fitzhenry who were married in Doon last Saturday. We wish them many blessing in their marriage.

**Rosary:** each Sunday evening for the month of Oct. in the church at 6pm.

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

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 2-10-14-30, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,000. **Club**

**Fundraiser-Lip Sync:** 12 acts are very busy behind the scenes getting ready for this great event, which is on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018 @ 8pm in Ballykisteen Hotel. Tickets cost €20 - all

proceeds going to the club for our new state of the art lights. Please contact any committee member for tickets or contact PRO Audrey Crowe (086) 6189946.

**Doon Tidy Towns:** will hold their annual used clothes collection on Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. from 9am-12 noon in pastoral centre. All support welcome.

**Doon Eucharistic Adoration Group:** We will have to finish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9pm on a Wed. night instead of 10pm unless we can get two adorers. It would be great if one of the adorers is a Eucharistic minister who could put the Blessed Sacrament away. Presently we are stretched trying to fill in hours throughout the day when others can't attend. If you can help then please contact John O'Brien (086) 8586304, Mary MacCleod (087) 767465 or Marcia Mooney (086) 4038420. Thank you.

**Doon ICA & friends Gym class:** continue on Wed. evenings at 8pm, all welcome. Not confined to ICA members.

**Doon Community Council:** Annual Scrap Metal Collection on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. All items of metal except for fridges to be dropped at the community centre from 9am that morning. Youth Club continues on Wed. nights. from 7pm-8pm. All children welcome from 10 - 14 years old. We are looking for adult volunteers (over 18 years of age) and youth leaders (15-18 years) to help run the club. If interested contact Mike (087) 6764345. Kettlebells on Mon. @ 9.30am & Wed.@7.30pm. Dance lessons for all ages take place every Thurs. @ 8:30pm in Doon Community Centre, €10 per lesson, group lessons & no partners required. For further information call (087) 1628027. The halls, meeting rooms & astro-turf pitch are available to rent for any occasion. To book contact (085) 1443470.

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**Legion of Mary:** meeting in the Pastoral Centre, Doon on Tue. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. @ 8pm. New members welcome.

**Doon Parish Journal:** in order to have the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of "Bleisce" on sale in early December, all club reports, tributes, articles and photographs MUST be in by 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Material for possible inclusion (which may have to be edited) can be given to Donal Anderson, Fr. Jimmy Donnelly PP, Peggy Sweeney or emailed to doonparishjournal@hotmail.com-labelled "For Parish Journal. Photos sent by email in jpg format please.

**East Branch of the Irish Red Cross:** are holding a Church Gate Collection on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Oct. in Doon. All support would be very much appreciated.

**Dún Bleisce Historical Society:** invite you to a talk on Tue. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm. Dr. Brian P. Murphy OSB will present a talk on his recent book "The Life & Tragic Death of Winnie Barrington", the story of the Barrington Family in Glenstal Castle, Limerick, c. 1800- 1925. All welcome.

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