



### St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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Dear Parishioner, We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often they bring some sort of growth into our lives and that is usually not a pleasant experience. Today's gospel shows us that even in those difficult times, faith can be transformative. Jesus came and stood amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (shalom) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit; it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, must be for others what Jesus has been for them. The risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. This is not easy as we often meet cynicism and doubt. Yet, John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply and can experience this peace that he offers us.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday €1,290. Good Friday €340, thank you for your contributions.

#### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> April

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Brian McMahon	Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon
Servers: Aidan O'Connell, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Sheana & James Buckley, Liliana Bodnar	John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
9:30am Marie Duggan	Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney
11am Catherine Tierney	
Servers: Orla & Cathal Hayes, Sean Og & Denis Blackmore, Caoimhe Murphy	

Anniversaries: 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> Apr:
6:30pm James Buckley, Glengar	James Carew, Main Street-4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Ellen & Martin Bradshaw, Glengar	Norman Beresford & Margaret Dunne.
Ann Ryan, Glengar-Months Mind	Maureen & Ned Morrissey, Toomaline.
9:30am For the People of the Parish	PJ Byrnes, Ballycushowen.
11am Patrick Ryan, Muine.	Daniel, Mary, Noreen & Teresa Morrissey.
Paddy O'Donnell	Chrissie O'Meara, Toomaline-4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.

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

**Church Cleaning Group:** will meet on Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> April @ 4pm, all help welcome.

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

**Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. If you would be interested in volunteering as a helper with the pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Jimmy for more information.

**Date for your Diary:** Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima rosary rally for the protection of little babies in the womb at 6 O'clock, rosary continues ever Sun. @ 10:40am before Mass.

**Doon Community Council:** AGM will take place on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30pm, all welcome.

**Youth Club:** continues every Wed. @ 6:15pm, in the community centre, for children over 10 years

of age. €5 registration and €2 per week thereafter. It was great to see a large attendance at Dawn Mass in the Graveyard on Easter Sunday, celebrated by Fr. Donnelly. Appreciation to all involved in the ceremony & to Spar for providing refreshments & the opportunity for friends to meet afterwards.

**World Meeting of Families:** please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) for full details of the WMOF Congress at the RDS in Dublin Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 5-6-16-29, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,600. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell. **Date for our Diary:** Doon GAA will hold its Annual fundraiser on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. More details to follow please keep this date free. Doon GAA are currently seeking a sponsor for various areas of the club, if interested please contact any club officer.

**Doon Friends of Lourdes:** Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. Names of people wishing to travel to Lourdes on the Assisted Pilgrim Section, please contact Sandra Ryan (A) (087) 6448470 or Mairead Murphy (086) 8891047. Our Annual Church Gate collection takes place this weekend after all Masses, your support as always is greatly appreciated.

**Doon Study Hub:** Please checkout our Facebook Page for the following two weeks opening times.

**Doon Eucharistic Adoration Group:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10pm. Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord! You can contact any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee John O' Brien (086)8586304, Mary MacCleod (087)1767465, Marcia Mooney (086)4038420 to discuss same.

**Tickets for the Pope's Visit:** Since confirmation that Pope Francis is coming for the World Meeting of Families, if you are interested in tickets for the Papal Events, ie. Festival of Families on Sat. evening 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. in Croke Park & the Final Mass on Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. in Phoenix Park. Please visit and refer all queries to the WMOF website [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets).

**Married Couples:** An opportunity to enrich your marriage on a very special weekend break away! Presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland the next such residential weekend takes place at The Cork International Hotel, Cork from 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. For enquiries visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call (086) 8334382.

**Divine Mercy:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Apr.-on the feast of Divine Mercy the divine mercy chaplet will be recited at the divine mercy shrine in the church after the 11am Mass for the protection and right to life of the unborn.

**Doon Tidy Towns:** would like to thank everyone who came & helped with the Good Friday clean up of the Parish, it was great to see so many participating.

**Dun Bleisce Historical Society:** will hold a talk on Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. in The Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm. The talk "For the record-40 years of local journalism" will be given by Patricia Feehily, former journalist & currently columnist. All welcome.

**A wreath:** will be placed at the 1916 Commemorative Plaque at Bottle Hill on Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> April at 12 Noon.

**Daffodil Day:** Thanks to everybody who helped and contributed so generously to the Irish Cancer Society. Total Amount collected was €2,710.