



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 8th December, 2019

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Dear Parishioner,

There is something beautiful about all the lights that we now see around us in the streets and shops windows. As they shine and sparkle, they are trying to catch our eye and get our attention. In our gospel this Sunday, John the Baptist is trying to do the very same thing; he too is trying to get our attention because he has a message for us as we take another step on our Advent journey. John reminds us today as he did in the desert that God has not forgotten us or the promise that was made to generations before us; Jesus the Messiah is coming. Jesus is coming not just into our world, but into our homes, lives and our very hearts. This most definitely is 'good news.' John asks us to 'prepare a way for the Lord and make his paths straight.' What does this mean for us today? When the people heard John speak, 'they were baptised and confessed their sins.' An important aspect of our Advent journey and preparation is acknowledging that there are parts of our lives that need straightening! Perhaps one way we could prepare a way for the Lord during these weeks of Advent is to consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. As we focus our attention on so many other things during the lead up to Christmas, let us not forget to prepare a place in our hearts to welcome Jesus.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 14th/15th Dec:

Readers:

6:30pm Diarmuid Cuimín

9:30am Damian Richardson

11am Roisin Crowe

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mai O'Dwyer/ Cáit McMahon

Neil Maher/Ann Hayes

Patricia Murphy/Pauline Reale

Anniversaries: 7th/8th Dec:

6:30pm For the people of the parish

9:30am For the people of the parish

11am Paddy O'Malley, Glengar (3rd) & deceased

Members of the O'Malley family

Michael Moloney, Toomaline

William & Bridget Lysaght, Monastery Rd

14th/15th Dec:

Mary & Jimmy Ryan & Agnes Bermingham

For the people of the parish

Paddy & Susan McNamara, main St & John Joe

Fahy, Carnahalla

Monday 9th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation with Mass @ 11am & 7:30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED: You are kindly asked to remember in your prayers Johnny Hayes Toomaline, Sr Mary Regina Moloney Charleville, and Mary O' Connell nee Whelan Cappamore whose funerals took place during the week. Our sympathy to the bereaved.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: of The Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this year on Monday 9th December. Why? Because the 8th of December is the second Sunday of Advent. Mass on Monday @ 11.00am and Monday evening @ 7.30pm.

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

DOON & DISTRICT MENS SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm.

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: New people are always welcome as many hands make light work. Thanks to the group for keeping the Church so clean for all of us.

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.

WREN WALK FOR CHERNOBYL: Takes place through Kilmoylan Woods again this year on **St Stephen's Day**, Thursday 26th December leaving from the Pastoral Centre @ 1pm. All proceeds go directly to upkeep our "Home of Hope" a foster home in Belarus we have committed to maintain for the foreseeable future. Refreshments served. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Confirmation is Tuesday 31st March 2020. **First Holy Communion** is Sunday 3rd May 2020. As a community of faith, we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events in their faith journey.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: 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, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION after all Masses this weekend. There are many people in our own parish who need our help especially at this time of year. Please give generously to help make Christmas a little brighter for them.

MILES FOR MS: Truck and Tractor Run recently presented a cheque to the Limerick MS Branch for €8,470. A huge Thank You to everyone who helped and supported this great cause.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL Thanks to those who have returned invites for the senior citizens party. Party is on this Sunday 8th December, beginning with Mass @ 1pm. To book hall, pitch or meeting rooms call 085 1443470. Birthday party & bouncy castle package also available.

DOON CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL: Old clothes collection- Starting Tuesday 3rd until Friday 31st Jan 2020. Drop unwanted clothes etc. to the CBS school. Bags of Clothes can be left in school shed at any time. We appreciate your support. **Christmas Carol Singing** for Doon Lourdes invalid fund next weekend Sat Dec 14th & Sunday Dec 15th. **CBS Carol Service** on Monday Dec 16th @ 7.30pm. All are welcome. **Split the Pot** winner of €324 is Pad Óg O'Brien, Carrigbeg. Next draw will take place on Thursday Dec 19th. Thanks for your continued support.

SCOIL NA TRÍONÓIDE NAOFA will hold their Annual Christmas Fair next Sunday Dec 15th from 2pm to 5pm. There will be food and craft stalls, a visit from Santa Claus, raffles with fun and games for all ages. See you all there!

ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION Wednesday, 11th & 18th December @ 7.00pm for 7.30pm in Cappawhite Resource Centre – facilitated by Ann McGrath & Ann Dargan. All surrounding parishes are welcome. See www.cashel-emly.ie for more details.

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 6-7-15-27 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €5,600

CHILDMINDER: required, 2 children, 3rd & 5th class, attending school in Doon, 8am - 9am and from 3pm - 5:15pm. If interested please call 087 8038138 for more details. No cover required for any school holidays

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