

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 8th March, 2020

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Dear Parishioner, on this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times. During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world. 'The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'. (Laudato Si, 84-85)

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

Readers:

6:30pm Marie Claire Hayes

9:30am Donal Anderson

11am Kay Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mai O'Dwyer/Cáit McMahon

Neil Maher/Ann Hayes

Patricia Murphy/Pauline Reale

Anniversaries: 7th/8th Mar:

6:30pm Mary & Paddy Ryan, Carnahalla
Fr Rodgie Maher, Sr Oliver, Sr Alphonsos &
Sr Antonio, Toomaline
Ciara McKenna, Hillview Grove

9:30am Mary & Jimmy Ryan, Cooga & their daughter
Agnes Bermingham

11am William & Thomas O'Brien, Glengar

14th/15th Mar:

Tom & Kitty Hogan, Main St & their grandson
Thomas
Josephine Buckley & her sons Jack, Bill and
Chris, Glengar

Margaret Richardson & Ned O'Flynn, Cliggin
Timmy & Bridie Whelan, Lacknagoneeny

For the people of the parish

Eileen McLoughlin, Hillview Grove
Ann Ryan, Glengar & deceased members of
the Ryan family

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael O' Dwyer Greenfields Cappawhite whose funeral took place during the week. Our sympathy to the bereaved.

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

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

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.

DOON FRIENDS OF LOURDES: Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 14th & 15th March.

PASTORAL LETTER: Archbishop Kieran's Pastoral Letter for Lent is available this weekend. Please take one home with you. It is also available on Diocesan Website – www.cashel-emly.ie.

Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday Evening for inclusion the following weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: **Confirmation** Tuesday 31st March. **First Holy Communion** 3rd May. 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Cashel & Emly Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage from 13 - 18 June 2020. Booking through Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410810. Anyone interested in volunteering as a helper please contact Fr Jimmy. Tickets for the Annual Draw which is the main fundraiser for the pilgrimage are available from Fr. Jimmy. €20.00 per Ticket your support would be greatly appreciated.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: 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.

CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL: will launch their CD Mol an Oige in the Fr McGrath hall on Thursday March 12th @ 7.30pm. Tommy Hayes of Stockton's Wing will be present. CDs available on the night for €10. Pupils will provide entertainment and the Parents Association will provide light refreshments. Your support would be greatly appreciated. All are welcome. Split the Pot – This week's winner is Noel McMahon winning €212

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Annual Monster Table Quiz set for Friday 27th March @ 9:30pm in all pubs in the village. All welcome. For bookings of the hall, meeting rooms, astro turf pitch, birthday parties, marquee hire etc. call 085 1443470.

THE FATIMA APOSTOLATE: is holding a three-hour vigil in honour of Our Lady of the Annunciation in the Pallotine Chapel Thurles on Tuesday 24th March on the eve of the Annunciation from 7:30pm to 10.30.p.m. Eucharistic Hour - Fr. George Ranahan, S.C.A. and Marian Hour and Holy Mass, celebrant Fr. George Regan, S.C.A. All are welcome.

DOON GAA: LOTTO: no's drawn 14-20-23-25 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €8,200. **Limerick GAA Draw 2020** €10,000 in monthly prizes. €100 to enter for 10 monthly draws. Half of income is returned to Doon GAA club. Closing date is March 24th. First draw 4th April 2020. Local co-ordinator Donal Anderson 086 8421747.

LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY 2020: An opportunity to prepare for Easter every Sunday of Lent @ 4.30pm. This year's series focuses on the Sunday Gospel readings. Further information www.glenstal.com. Talks will be streamed and available on the website.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING: will take place in Cappawhite Resource Centre, Tuesday nights, March 10th, 24th, 31st @ 7.15pm. All surrounding parishes are welcome. www.cashel-emly.ie for more info.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS: If members of the congregation, religious leaders (e.g. priests) or others involved in religious services (e.g. ministers of the Eucharist) feel ill and may have COVID-19, even if their symptoms are mild, they should stay at home and follow this advice: If you feel unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, high temperature) AND If in the 14 days before you became unwell, you have: travelled to Ireland from an area with presumed ongoing community transmission of COVID-19, or been in contact with a person who has COVID-19, or attended/worked in a healthcare facility where patients with COVID-19 were being treated then you should: Isolate yourself (i.e. stay separate from other people) Phone your GP without delay. If you do not have a GP phone the Emergency Services on 999 or 112 and ask for the National Ambulance Service. Tell your GP/Emergency Services about your travel history and symptoms. It is important that you PHONE your GP first and talk to them rather than arriving at the GP surgery without contacting them so that you don't put staff or other patients at risk of infection. Your GP/Emergency Services will advise you of the next steps over the phone. Further information on COVID-19 is available on the HSE website at: www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html and the HPSC website at: www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE HERITAGE PROGRAM: Open Evening, Keynote Address and Breakout Sessions: 7.00p.m. Keynote Address: From Inspiration to Illumination, an Introduction to The Saint John's Bible, by Tim Ternes, the Director of The Saint John's Bible in Minnesota. 8.15p.m. Break-out Sessions - participants choose between: 1. *The Calligraphic Nature of the Bible*: Susie Leiper, one of the artists who worked on the Bible. 2. *Bringing Jesus to Life*: Dr Jonathan Burroughs, Lecturer in Theology & Religious Studies at Mary Immaculate College. March 12th 2020 in Mary Immaculate College, Thurles Campus, Cost: €20.00