



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-9th April 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Today we read Matthew's account of the death of Jesus; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that spending time with this account offers. As you read perhaps you might notice the various characters and their roles, their words and actions. A good question to ask as we enter into this text is 'Where do I stand?' Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples or some other character: Pilate? Pilate's wife? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'grieved' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end here, but for this week we enter into the reality of betrayal, trial, suffering and death.

We might remember today those who stand for justice, those who are counter-cultural, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is often dangerous and lonely. We might recall times we felt betrayed, abandoned or times we were in despair. Try to return to this text during the week, perhaps reading a small section each day as we continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €821-many thanks. Please return Trocaire boxes & if possible please convert coin to notes.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
Holy Thurs.-7:30pm	Patricia Collins	Nicholas Mooney/Eilín Uí Chuimín
Altar Servers:	Ciara & Caitlin O'Grady, Oran Ryan, Dylan Byrne	
Good Fri.-3pm	Catherine Tierney Mary Lysaght	Bridget Duggan/Catherine Crowe
Altar Servers:	Aidan O'Connell, Gareth Thomas, Emma Hickey, Grainne O'Dwyer	
Sat. Vigil Mass-8pm	Louisa O'Brien Brian McMahon Kay Ryan	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes/Mary McLeod
	Epistle & Psalm Emma Kennedy	
Altar Server:	Eadoin & Padraig Crowe, Ciaran O'Dwyer	
Dawn Mass-6:15am	John O'Brien	Patricia Murphy/John Favier
Easter Sunday-9:30am	Pakie O'Brien	Neil Maher/Ann Hayes
-11am	Catherine Tierney	John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton
Altar Servers:	Sean Og Blackmore, Aoibheann Flint, Chloe Ryan, Cathal & Sean Sweeney	

Anniversaries: 8th/9th April:

6:30pm James Buckley, Glengar, Anniv.
James Carew, Main St.-3rd Anniv.

9:30am -

11am PJ Byrnes, Ballycushowen-13th Anniv.
Patrick Ryan, Muine-Anniv.

15th/16th April:

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Richard & Margaret Connolly-Kilkenny.
Chrissie O'Meara, Toomaline-Anniv.

Confessions For Easter: Holy Thursday 6:45 – 7:15 pm, Good Friday 2:15 – 2:45 pm, Holy Saturday 7 – 7:30 pm. **Holy Week Ceremonies in Doon Parish:** Wed. 12th April Chism Mass in The Cathedral Thurles 7:30 pm all are welcome. Thur. 13th Holy Thursday Mass of The Last Supper 7:30pm followed by an Hour of Prayer with the Lord. Fri. 14th Good Friday (A day of fast and abstinence) Liturgy of the Lords Passion 3 pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm. Sat. 15th Holy Saturday Vigil 8pm. Sun. 16th Easter Sunday Dawn Mass in Doon Cemetery 6:15 am (refreshments after dawn mass kindly provided by Spar in their shop. Thanks to the management for providing this service).

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10am to 10pm. As a Lenten observance it may well be an opportunity for you to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly: Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16th-21st June. Fully inclusive Price €699. For more information contact Joe Walsh Tours, Dublin, Tel. (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, Doon (061) 380165.

Social Dancing: continues every Wed. night in Doon Community Centre @ 8pm. All welcome.

The Team Limerick Clean Up: will take place again on Good Friday-14th April. Last year we had a wonderful turn out when 80% of all roads were picked for litter. This year's target is 100%. The pick-up will be lead by Doon Camogie Club, Doon GAA and Doon Tidy Towns. Pickers & gloves will be provided. Meeting at Church Gates @ 10am, all welcome.

Doon Friends of Lourdes: will hold their Annual Church Gate collection this weekend after all Masses. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Daffodil Day: The organising committee would like to give big "Thank You" to everyone who supported Daffodil day by help & contributions in support of the Irish Cancer Society. The sum of €2,690 was raised.

Doon Historical Society: John Flannery, Nenagh will give a talk on Sonny O'Neill & his association with Michael Collins in the Fr. McGrath hall on Mon. 10th April at 8pm. A plaque will be unveiled at the Garda Baracks (Old RIC Barracks) on Easter Sun. @ 12 noon. A wreath will also be placed at the Proclamation Plaque and National Flag on the day.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 3rd April no's drawn 1-12-23-26, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €13,200. **Fixtures & Results:** will be sent out by text - for weekday & weekend fixtures each week. If you would like to receive these texts please text your name to (087) 7818652. Alternatively you can search for Doon GAA on TeamApp where you can also receive these alerts. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Club Limerick Draw:** Top prize €10,000 each month. Please support Doon GAA & Limerick GAA. Cost: €100 for the year. Contact Donal Anderson (086) 8421747 for more details.