



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 9th Dec. 2018

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Dear Parishioner, Life is so short. We spend so much time sweating the small stuff; worrying, complaining, gossiping, comparing, wishing, wanting and waiting for something bigger and better instead of focusing on all the simple blessings that surround us every day. Life is so fragile and all it takes is a single moment to change everything you take for granted. Focus on what's important and be grateful! You are blessed! Believe it! Live your life and leave no regrets. (Melanie Koulouris)

Offertory Collection: last Sunday €996, thank you for your contributions.

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: will be drawn up over the next few weeks. If you have any changes please contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898 ASAP.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 15th/16th Dec.:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Eimear O'Connell	Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon
9:30am Donal Anderson	John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
11am Therese & Anna O'Dea	Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney

Anniversaries: 8th/9th Dec.:

Sat. 8th @ 11am Mairead Hayes, Lisowen.
 6:30pm: Tim & Mary Crowe & their sons Ned & Tim, Carrigmore
 9:30am For the People of the Parish
 11am Mary & James Carr, Glengar
 Paddy O'Malley, Glengar 2nd Anniv & Deceased members of the O'Malley family

15th/16th Dec.:

Mary & Jimmy Ryan, Cooga & their daughter Agnes Bermingham, Kilonan.
 For the People of the Parish.

Recently deceased We pray for Nancy Beresford, St. Fintan's Terrace whose funeral took place during the week. Sympathies to the bereaved. May she rest in peace.

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

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 6-20-22-29, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar. AGM will be held this Sun. 9th Dec. @ 4pm in The Clubhouse.

Radio Maria Ireland: Catholic Radio Station now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210.

Doon Text Alert: if anyone wishes to sign up to the Text Alert system please give your name & number to the Post Office or members of the group, Denis Duggan, Con Hourigan, Francis Cummins & Josephine Morrissey. There is an annual subscription of €10. The Texts from local Gardai will seek the public's help & provide warnings of any suspicious activity in the area.

Doon Defibrillator Group: have a new telephone number. For help & access to each defibrillator enclosures please dial (061) 574300.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection: takes place after all Masses this weekend. Your support as always is gratefully appreciated. If you or a member of your family, a neighbour or friend could do with some support, please do not hesitate to call on us. Our confidential number is 087 1459024.

Scoil Na Tríonoide Naofa: will hold their Annual Christmas Fair on Sun 16th Dec. From 2-5pm.

Advent Sundays at Glenstal Abbey: Dec. 9th, 16th @ 4:30pm. Why not come & join us in exploring the great themes of Advent & our lives therein - 'Tuning into Real Time'. All welcome

Dates for the Diary: Fri. 14th Dec. - Scoil na Tríonoide Naofa Carol Service here in the Church @ 7:30pm. Sun. 16th - Scoil na Tríonoide Naofa Christmas Fair on school grounds from 2pm to 5pm. Tue. 18th - Convent Primary School Carol Service in the Church @ 12 noon. Penitential Service Tue. 18th @ 7:30pm visiting priests will attend. Wed. 19th - Doon CBS Primary School Christmas Carol Service in the Church @ 7:30pm. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @ 6:30pm, Christmas Day Masses @ 9:30am & 11am.

Mass Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Live Christmas Crib: in Clonoulty Village Sat. 15th from 6pm - 9pm & Sun. 16th from 10:30am - 4.30pm. See church notice board for more information.

God of my life I welcome this new day.
 It is Your gift to me a new creation a promise of resurrection.
 I thank You for the grace of being alive this day.
 I thank You for the sleep which has refreshed me.
 I thank You for this chance to make a new beginning.

This day Lord, is full of promise and of opportunity.
 Let me waste none of it.
 This day is full of mystery and of the unknown.
 Help me to face it without fear and anxiety.
 This day is blessed with beauty and adventures.
 Make me fully alive to it all.

During this day, keep my thoughtful, prayerful, generous and kind.
 May I be courteous and helpful to others and not turned in on myself.
 Keep me from any word or deed that would hurt or destroy or
 Belittle another. May the thoughts of my mind
 Be pleasing in your sight.

When night comes again may I look back on this day with no grief or
 bitterness in my heart and may no one be unhappy because of anything
 I have done or anything I have failed to do this day.
 Lord, bless this day for me and for all my family
 and friends and everyone I love.
 Make it a day in which we grow to have the mind
 Of Christ Your Son.

Amen.