



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

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Dear Parishioner, In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, unable to hear or speak God's word of truth. Jesus says ephphatha, which means 'be opened!' Immediately this man was healed. During this Season of Creation we are all urged to listen to the cry of the earth. Scientists are now telling us that unless drastic action is taken we will lose the battle against the environmental destruction which this world is faced with. The worldwide heatwave and drought which we experienced this summer is one example of how our planet is under pressure. Yet change is possible. All it takes is one good person to restore hope. As followers of Christ we have a duty to lead the way in caring for God's beautiful creation. What prevents us from hearing these messages? We can be cynical and say that the issue is too big, that it is up to governments to sort out. Ephphatha! We start where we are and do what we can. This week can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? A very simple action is to reduce the use of plastic by buying a reusable water bottle or coffee cup which removes so much waste from landfills and sends a powerful message. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha! Let us all be open to this call to care for our common home. (You can find out more at www.seasonofcreation.org)

Offertory Collection: last Sunday €1,030, thank you for your contributions.

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

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Chloe Byrne	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
Servers Sean & Sarah Ryan, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Ciaran Hynes	
9:30am Mary Lysaght	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am Margaret Ryan	John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton
Servers: Cathal Sweeney, Niall Riordan, Caimin Lynch, Isabella Maher, Ella Buckley	
Anniversaries: 8 th /9 th Sept.:	15 th /16 th Sept.:
6:30pm Leo & Celia McMahon, Foilacleara.	Paddy Ryan, Carnahalla-20 th Anniv.
	Michael & Jimmy Whelan, Cooga.
9am People of the Parish.	People of the Parish.
11am Jim Barrett, Cliggin.	Sean & Josephine Hayes & their daughter
Catherine Ryan.	Josephine Ryan.
	Denis Ryan (Sonny), Doon East.

Recently deceased Recently Deceased: We pray for the repose of the soul of John Ryan (Putter), Carnahalla & Mary Bourke, Cooga whose funerals took place during the week. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

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

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 8-9-17-19, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,200.

Doon Tidy Towns: will hold their annual used clothes collection, in the coming weeks. More details to follow soon.

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! We urgently need adorers to fill the following times: Wed. 8-9pm, 9-10pm. Please contact any member of the Adoration Group: John O'Brien: (086) 8586304, Mary MacCleod: (087) 1767465 or Marcia Mooney (089) 4146481.

Doon ICA & friends Gym class: resumes on Wed. 5th Sept. at 8pm, all welcome. Not confined to ICA members.

Legion of Mary: Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun. 30th Sept. Bus leaving Doon : 8:15am, cost €20. Contact 061-380201

Doon Study Hub: reopening Tuesday, September 11th @ 4 pm. Check out our Facebook page for study times and great packages.

Doon Community Council: The Struggle: 10/5km run/walk will take place on Sun. 9th Sept. in Doon, Co. Limerick, starting at 1.30pm at the Community Centre. Registration takes place from 12 noon onwards at the Fr. McGrath Hall. The 10km run entry fee is €15, the 5km run entry is €10, U16 walk/ run entry is €5 and family is €20. Proceeds of the event are going towards the East Limerick Branch of the Irish Red Cross, Doon CC and other good causes. All are welcome, young & old. Doon Community Council: Thanks to everybody who supported our annual coffee morning & cake sale. Thanks also to those who donated turf, firewood, spot prizes & home produce etc, to Jack Ryan for the use of the premises & to all who helped out on the day.

Sunflowers Montessori: would like to thank Darraghs Day for their kind donation given to our preschool. With the funds we were able to completely renovate a large classroom during the summer. The children, parents and teachers are enjoying all the changes we were able to make, in particular we are loving the beautiful art work completed by Brendan Fahey.

On Wednesday, Sept 19th @ 8 pm Mulcair G.I.Y. will host an evening in the Cappamore Community Centre to celebrate the art of keeping bees in the garden. Local beekeepers will attend to discuss their passion for bees and locally produced honey will be available on the night.

Enrolment for part-time courses at Limerick College of Further Education, Cappamore Campus will take place on Tue. 11th Sept. from 5-7pm. Courses include: Welding, Sports Psychology, Palliative Care Support, Special Needs Assisting, Spanish, French Polishing, Christmas Festive Cooking & many more. Apply online at www.lcfe.ie. Phone: 381272 or call into the college.

Study Hub reopening next Tue. 11th Sept. Advanced Booking is essential. Check our Facebook Page for further enquires.

Craobh Pheig Uí Riain (Murroe/Cappamore Comhaltas) will host music/singing & Irish classes again for the coming year. Registration will take place on Mon. 10th Sept. 6pm-7pm at Scoil Chaitríona Cappamore. Enquiries to 381269 or 381414

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