



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 10th February 2019

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Dear Parishioner, Last July and August, hundreds of people took part in 'Walk While You Can', a walk from Letterkenny, County Donegal to Ballydehob, County Cork, to raise awareness and funds to support those with Motor Neurone Disease. The event was the brainchild of Fr Tony Coote, a priest of the parishes of Kilmacud and Mount Merrion in Dublin, who made the decision to walk the length of Ireland after himself being diagnosed with MND. His boundless energy and zest for life, even in the face of terminal illness, struck a chord with many. People were inspired by his faith. Speaking during an interview on The Late Late Show, Fr Tony said: 'I haven't much time left, I know that. But I believe in a loving God; I don't fear death.' Fr Tony is an example of someone who is following Jesus as a disciple, while also bringing others to Jesus. In his years as a priest he has preached and lived the Gospel, and since this massive change in his health and circumstances he has found a way to spread the Good News in a new way. His story came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel, which tells the story of the call of Peter. We are often struck by how the first disciples 'left everything and followed him'. Are we expected to do the same? Only a rare few will literally leave behind home, friends and family. But following Jesus does require us to offer our whole selves, whatever our circumstances. Whatever our position in life, we have something unique and great to offer.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers : 16th/17th Feb:

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6:30pm Peggy Sweeney	Paud Sweeney
Servers Sheana & James Buckley, Lauren & Grainne Ryan	
9:30am Damian Richardson	Neil Maher/Ann Hayes
11am Anita Sweeney	Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney
Servers Padraig & Eamon Richardson, Caoimhe Murphy, Orla Hayes	

Anniversaries: 9 th /10 th Feb.:	16 th /17 th Feb.:
6:30pm Dick & Sarah Walsh, Toher. Ellen & Martin Bradshaw, Glengar.	Mary & Jimmy Buckley Bakers, Main St. Sean Ryan, Doon South-9 th Anniv. Ned Quigley, Reenavanna. Nom Ryan, Carrigmore.
9:30am For the people of the Parish.	For the people of the Parish.
11am James Ryan, Toomaline Lower & his son Thomas, Assumption Terrace.	Simon Ryan, Cliggin.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget Harding, Pallasgreen-Mother of Breda Byrnes, Hillview Grove & Ger McSweeney, Glasha Talann whose funerals took place during the week. Our sympathy to the bereaved. May they rest in peace.

No Mass: on Mon. 11th Feb. Mass as usual on Tue., Wed. & Fri.

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

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 5-11-14-22, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €4,600. **Ireland Lights Up:** continues every Thur. between 7-9pm until Thur. 21st Feb. All welcome. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection continues, any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Doon CBS Primary School: We are delighted to be part of #AldiPlayRugby & need parents help. For every €30 spent in-store you will receive a token. Please send these into The CBS. We will receive PE equipment for our school, we could also win a training session with Paul O'Connell! @Aldi_Ireland. The school is now enrolling boys to 2nd class in Sept. 2019. Application forms are available from the school, phone (061) 380239. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate & PPS No. with you.

Radio Maria Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: Weekly classes as follows: Kettlebells-Mon. @ 9:30am & Wed. @7:30pm. Star Stage School Children's Drama-Wed. @ 4pm. Yoga-Thur. @ 7:30pm, Pilates-Thur. @ 9:30am, pay as you go. New members welcome to join. Halls, meeting rooms & astro turf available for rent. Birthday party package available also. Contact (085) 1443470 for bookings, The following officers were appointed at the recent AGM. Chairperson: Tim O'Brien, Secretary: Brian McMahan, Treasurer: Tony Berkery, Hall Manager: Richard Hayes, PRO: Michael McNamara.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Sept. 4th-11th, half board accommodation €675 for bookings received before 1st Feb. Further details contact John O'Brien 086-8586304.

Doon Historical Society: Peter O'Grady will give a talk on Mon. 18th Feb. in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm on "The Ballycohey Ambush & its part in the downfall of Landlordism". All are welcome.

Milford Care Centre Bereavement Support: Information Evening Tue. 26th Feb. @ 7pm. This is one of the quarterly information evenings that are held throughout the year to provide information on normal grief & the support services offered by Milford Care Centre. **Anam Cara & Milford Care Centre Bereavement Information Evening:** Thur. 28th Feb. @ 7pm. Please note this event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death.

The Cashel & Emly Lourdes Fundraising Committee Grand Draw: will take place on Fri. 1st March. All monies raised help with the high running costs of the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes & also helps subsidise the Assisted Pilgrims & Helpers fare for travelling to Lourdes. The tickets cost €20 & are available from Fr Jimmy. Support greatly appreciated.

Doon Study Hub: will close for the mid-term break, Thur. 14th Feb. & re-opening on Tue. 24th. Please check out our facebook page for further details.

Applications: for the Lourdes Diocesan Youth Group Place are invited. Open to 5th year students only. June 15th-20th. One student will represent the Parish of Doon. If there are more than one applicant a draw from the submitted names will take place on Sat. 16th Feb. @ 6:30pm Mass. Please forward your Name to Fr. Jimmy by the 15th Feb.at the latest.