



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon– 10th July 2016

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Dear Parishioner, a very successful Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has just ended and now we focus on our Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in Knock, Co. Mayo. At the 2014 novena in Knock, the shrine launched its "Witness to Hope" project. The project is threefold: developing faith renewal programmes, promotion of our National Shrine at home and abroad and also the refurbishment of Our Lady's Basilica. The upgrading of the Basilica has been very tastefully completed, providing a welcoming, comfortable and prayerful setting for pilgrims and visitors to Knock. This year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock will take place on the 7th August.

In the Gospel this Sunday a law student asks Jesus "who is my neighbour?" he might just as well have asked, "who is NOT my neighbour". The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus "who is my neighbour?" the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the person who flouts the law, sells drugs, robs and steals, shows no respect for God nor man. Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time? Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

Offertory Collection: last Sunday €975, many thanks to all who gave so generously.

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

Readers:

6:30pm Josephine Morrissey

9:30am Pakie O'Brien

11am Roisin Crowe & Emma Kennedy

Eucharistic Ministers:

Majella Moloney/Emma McGrath

Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan

Noreen O'Dwyer/Nicholas Mooney

Recently Christened: we welcome into our community Hilary Marie Fitzgerald, Cooga.

Anniversaries/Months Mind:

9th/10th July:

6:30pm Ned Morrissey, Toomaline.

Joan Hayes, Kilmoylan-2nd Anniv.

9:30am Nelly & Billy Cummins, Coolnamona.

11am Denis & Mai Ryan, Glengar.

16th/17th July:

Timothy & Margaret Ryan, Cooga

Sr. Margaret & deceased family members.

Jerry & Thomas McGrath,, Clogher.

Jack McDonnell-3rd Anniv.

Doon Cemetery Mass: will take place on Fri. 29th July at 7:30pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: we need new adorers to come & spend 1 hour before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament every Wed. in our Parish Church from 11am-10pm. We understand that occasionally you may not be able to attend your hour, simply tell any committee member in advance so we can ensure the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. The committee are: John O'Brien 086-8586304, Mary MacLeod 087-7422617 or Marcia 086-4038420.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: were winners in the Ballyhoura Annual Awards held in Kilfinane recently. Doon won the award for litter control, waste tidiness & housing areas based on national results for 2015. Thanks to everyone for making this possible and keep up the good work for the next few weeks as judging for 2016 continues.

Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage: to Knock will take place on Sunday 17th July. All those interested in travelling please give your names to either Joan Fitzgerald 380201 or Pakie O'Brien (085) 7073276, before Tuesday 12th July. Cost €15

Adapt House: would like to thank all who helped & gave so generously to their recent Church Gate collection, €235.96 was collected.

Rota: new rota will be available in sacristy after all Masses next weekend.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 4th no's drawn 1-17-19-24 no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €5,400. **Cash for Clobber:** will be finish this weekend, we can take clothes, shoes, scarves, hats, handbags, bed linen, curtains, etc. all items must be clean. All donations greatly appreciated, you can either drop bags clubhouse every Sat. morning from 10-11:30am or contact any club member.

Date for your Diary: The Jack McDonald Memorial Tournament will take place on Sat. 16th July. Anyone willing to give a helping hand please contact any committee member. **Fixtures:** Junior A East C/Ship Doon v Ahane on Sun. 10th @ 11am in Boher. Junior B East C/Ship Doon v Pallasgreen on Tue. 12th @ 7:30pm in Pallasgreen. **Cúl Camps:** will take place on Mon. 25th July. Registration can be done at www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie. **Results:** U16 C/Ship Doon 2-06 Garryspillane 4-21. Junior B East C/Ship Doon 1-07 Fedamore 1-14. Junior A Brian Butler Doon 1-22 Murroe/Boher 1-11.
