



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 11th August 2019

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Dear Parishioner,

Nowadays, many houses have security systems. We can have our homes monitored, 24 hours a day, to make sure they are safe. The really advanced systems even allow us to tap into the cameras from our mobile phones. We don't have to stay awake all night in case someone tries to burgle our home – the system takes care of everything. There are so many technologies available whose focus is to help us be prepared for all eventualities; we have apps for everything from predicting the weather to alerting us to traffic delays. There are no such luxuries in the parables. The men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast cannot afford to sleep. They won't receive an alert to their phone when their master arrives home. They have no option but to wait up. In the short parable of the householder and the burglar, Jesus again emphasises the importance of 'standing ready.'

Of course, Jesus is not really talking about watchmen and burglars, or being physically prepared; he is talking, rather, about spiritual alertness. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this: if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work. Another way in which we can be 'ever ready' is to be open to the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are alert and open, we are more likely to see God's goodness in those we meet, and be ready to welcome his grace into our lives. We could not imagine being without our gadgets and apps and all of the things that make our lives easier. Valuable though they are, there is something more valuable – indeed priceless – at stake.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 17th & 18th August:

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6:30pm Sarah Collins	Paud Sweeney/Mary Ryan
9:30am Donal Anderson	Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin
11am Catherine Tierney	Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney

Anniversaries: 10th & 11th August:

6:30pm Ann Ryan Con 1st Anniversary
Mai McAuliffe & her husband Dermot's
Month's Mind

9:30am Mary Madden, Gurtavalla For the people of the parish

11am Mary & Michael Anderson, Coolbane For the people of the parish
(16th & 32nd Anniversaries)
Tom Hammersley

17th/18th August:

Martin English Croughmorka (2nd)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Donnelly, Boherlahan, Cashel, mother of Fr Jimmy who was laid to rest on Friday. On behalf of everyone in the parish we extend our deepest sympathies.

MASS CARDS available in the Sacristy.

ADORATION GROUP: People needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. If you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

DOON GAA LOTTO: No's drawn 1-22-29-30. No Winner. Next week's draw will take place Whelan's Bar with a jackpot €2,200.

SUMMER SEISDÚN & BBQ 2019: in Moore's this coming Friday 16th August from 8pm in aid of two local charities: Chernobyl Children International Mulkear Outreach Group and Fr Johnny Sweeney's Missionary Work in Argentina. Acts include Kevin Sheehy (Handipak fame), Tommy McGrath, Tossie Gough, Celtic Fusion, Fr Johnny Sweeney and many more. If anyone fancies taking part please come along with your instrument and join in on the fun on the night. Free admission & Raffle. A great night's entertainment is assured so come early, have a burger, enjoy the music, buy a raffle ticket, stay late and make some money for two great charities.

DOON TIDY TOWNS: Doon in Bloom Competition 2019: Design a Window Box, Hanging Basket, Flower Pot etc. Adult Prizes 1st €100 - 2nd €50. Children's Competition - Fairy Garden in 30 x 30 cm or 60 x 60 cm boxes. Flower Pots, Window Baskets or Shoes (Be Creative) Kids Prizes 1st €50 - 2nd €25. *No Entry Fees.* Competition Dates July 1st- Aug 17th 2019. Judging in Pastoral Centre on 18th August

DOON AND DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: continues every Monday night @ 8pm in the Convent

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Dates for your diary - Annual *Coffee Morning & Cake Sale* set for weekend of 31st August/1st September after all Masses in Jack Ryan's Bar. Donations of baked goods, turf and firewood would be most welcome for the coffee morning. Annual *Scrap Metal Collection* will take place on Saturday 5th October. Office services available on Mondays & Tuesdays 10am-1pm & 2pm-4pm and Wednesday 10am-1pm. For bookings please contact 085 1443470.

JACK MCDONNELL HURLING TOURNAMENT: Carmel & John would like to thank everyone who were involved or took part last Friday evening making it another great success.

CAPPAMORE SHOW: The Cappamore Show celebrates its 65th Anniversary on Saturday 17th next. To mark this special milestone there is a full programme of events to make this a day to remember. 'A great family day out' is our motto and we try to ensure that there is something for everyone. Those who wish to enter their cookery, crafts, art or photos may do so in the Show Office on Moore Street from Monday to Thursday for 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. or on Friday morning from 10.00 to 12.00. Entries will also be taken on Friday evening on the Showgrounds from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m. A shuttle bus will take patrons from the village to and from the Showgrounds at regular intervals throughout the day. Admission €10, children free. So come along and experience a great day out. Further details from www.cappamoreshow.ie or info@cappamoreshow.ie The free Shuttle Bus to Cappamore Show will leave from the Bus Park and Main Street, Doon at 12.30 & 1.45 on Show day. Leaving the Show Field at 5pm and 6 pm that evening and returning to Doon.

CAPPAMORE SHOWWEEK BINGO SPECIAL: Thursday next @8:30pm. €3,000 in prize money which must be won including €500 Jackpot full house.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE will take place on Sunday 1st September in Holycross Abbey. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm with recitation of the Rosary & Testimony followed by Stations of the Cross, Anointing of the Sick and Concelebrated Mass at 4pm. All are welcome.

DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Annual Summer Outing will take place on Wednesday next the 14th August and the destination is Wexford, taking in many sites of interest including Johnstown Castle and Agricultural Museum, Enniscorthy Heritage Centre, Vinegar Hill and Boulavogue. This is always a good day out. Please confirm booking to 087 2347072.

VISITATION OF THE SICK IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES: Hospitals & nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net