



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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Dear Parishioner, Jesus, in today's gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society, and still today there are many people in our own society who are completely alienated and stigmatised. Jesus is moved with pity for this man. What moves you with pity? Who do you pity? What alienates you from others? Who is alienated in our communities? Who is it that we need to reach out to? Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. It is the religious of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing, Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.

Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, is forever asking people to keep quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he would be shouting from the roof tops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfill his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention. Eventually those who are against him will compile evidence but, for now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday's collection was €980-many thanks for your generosity

**Mass:** Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ash Wednesday-Day of Fast & Abstinence. Mass & distribution of Ashes @ 9:30am & 7:30pm.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Feb:**

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
<b>6:30pm</b> Freda Shanahan	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
Servers: Aidan O'Connell, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Sheena & James Buckley, Liliana Bodnar	
<b>9:30am</b> Mary Lysaght	Nora Coffey/Bridget Duggan
<b>11am</b> Emma Kennedy	Patricia Murphy/Pauline Reale
Servers: Conor Kennedy, Isabelle Maher, Cathal Sweeney, Jessica & Joshua McLoughlin	

Anniversaries: 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Feb:
6:30pm Kathleen Ryan, Croughmakeen-2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv. Jack Meagher, Glasha Talan-Months Mind.	Sean Ryan, Doon South-8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Paddy McLoughlin, Coolbane & Glasha Talan Mary & Jimmy Buckley, Main Street.
9:30am Fr. Sean Sweeney-10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. & his parents Paddy & Annie.	Nonie & Dinny Duggan & Joan & Brian Mahon Croughmorka.
11am Jimmy Ryan, Toomaline Lower & his son Thomas, Assumption Terrace.	Simon Ryan, Cliggin. Michael & Teresa Kelly, Lacka.
Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm Paddy Ryan, Gurtavalla Cross.	

**Dates:** Confirmation Day- Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> April. First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Trocaire Lenten Campaign:** Trocaire boxes available as you leave the church this weekend.

**Baptism:** Welcome to our Christian community Eve Leoni Bonner Carrigmore. Congratulations to her parents Kevin and Nicola and the extended family.

**Mens Shed:** meeting every Tue. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

**Doon ICA:** invites all ladies to join Gym class at Joey's Fitness Facility on Tue. night's @ 8pm. All welcome, this class is not confined to ICA members.

**Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. Booking forms available in the sacristy. Flight from Shannon to Lourdes & full board for 5 nights. Cost €715 per person. Assisted pilgrim section contact Fr. Joe Tynan PP Kilteely on (061) 384213 after the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. **Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage Youth Group:** One position available for a parish representative. A draw will take place at 6:30 Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

**Date for your Diary:** Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima rosary rally for the protection of little babies in the womb at 6 O'clock, rosary continues ever Sun. @ 10:40am before Mass.

**Doon CBS Primary School:** The school is now accepting applications for the 2018/2019 school year. Application forms are available from the school. **Cash for Clobber:** Bags of clothes, shoes etc can be left in the school shed, until the end of Feb.

**Operation Transformation & Doon GAA:** Reminder again, this Mon. night the GAA field will be lit up from 7-9pm for "Ireland lights up with the GAA". Everybody welcome again this week. New comers are encouraged to come along and enjoy the atmosphere. Please remember to sign in the clubhouse.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 4-16-19-24, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €4,000. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell. Doon GAA are delighted to have Peter Ryan come & give a talk next Thur. night, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Community Centre @ 7:30pm. Peter Ryan is a young man on a mission to show other people with disabilities how to bounce back from adversity. All are welcome.

**Preparation for the World Meeting of Families:** Training for those who would like to help out with the facilitation of the World Meeting of Families Amoris Parish Conversations Programme will take place in Ballykisteen Hotel on Tue. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. @ 7pm. Please book your place with Fr. Jimmy.

**Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara:** the national organisation that provides support services to bereaved parents & families, are hosting a Bereavement Information Evening in Limerick. There will be time after the talk to interact with other bereaved parents. Venue: Milford Care Centre, Limerick. Date: Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Time: 7-9pm (Registration from 6:45pm)

**Doon Community Council:** Sincere thanks to all who supported our play last weekend & to all who supplied home baking, spot prizes & helped out in any way. Compliments to Golden/Kilfeacle Drama Group on an excellent performance.

**Church Cleaning Committee:** will be meeting on Tue. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. after 9:30am Mass. Any help would be very much appreciated & new members very welcome.

**Doon Youth Club:** will be starting on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. @ 6:15pm in the community centre, for children over 10 years of age. €5 registration & €2 per week thereafter. We are short of adult volunteers (over 18's) and youth leaders (over 16's), which we need to supervise the running of the club. If you are interested in volunteering or have any queries on the youth club, please contact Mike at (087) 6764345 or Siobhan at (086) 8460911.