

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 12th January, 2020

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Dear Parishioner,

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity. Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others? Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 18th/19th Jan:

Readers:

6:30pm Patricia Collins

9:30am Damian Richardson

11am Aisling McNamara

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes

Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan

Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

NEW ROTA: for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers is now being drawn up. If you wish to have your name removed or would like to join please contact Fr Jimmy ASAP.

Anniversaries 11th / 12th Jan:

6:30pm Mícheál O'Brien & his Parents Molly & Pat and Brother Tom

9:30am Paddy Ryan F, Gurtavalla Cross
Con O'Brien, Coolnamona
Tommy Richardson & his sister Peig,
Monastery Rd

11am George & Kate Lonergan, Kilmoylan
Michael O'Brien, Carrigbeg

18th/19th Jan:

Denis, Annie & Margaret Reale, Glengar

Brian Butler, Carrigbeg

Andy & Nora Mai Murphy, Lacka

John P Hayes, Main St

Betty Breen, Lisowen

Bridie Hewitt, Carnahalla

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

MASS FOR THE COMING WEEK: will be Wednesday & Friday @ 9.30am. No Mass Monday or Tuesday.

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ENVELOPE & PARISH CALENDAR 2020: Have been distributed during the week. Your contributions to the weekly envelope collection and the basket goes some way towards maintaining the parish buildings and meeting targets set for the parish by the Diocesan Finance Committee as well as paying the bills incurred in the everyday running of the parish. I sincerely thank those who contribute to the parish finances. If you have not received a box of envelopes and would like to contribute please contact Fr Jimmy who can arrange envelopes for you.

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

ADORATION GROUP: Adoration continues every Wednesday. People needed to fill the Wednesday 1-2pm time slot. If you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: New people are always welcome as many hands make light work. Thanks to the group for keeping the Church so clean for all of us.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Confirmation is Tuesday 31st March 2020. First Holy Communion is Sunday 3rd May 2020. As a community of faith, we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events in their faith journey.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING: @ Cappamore Library. Did you receive a new digital device recently – iPhone, iPad, Tablet, Smart Phone? Do you know how to use it? Would you like to know more? Would you like to be able to navigate your way around your device confidently? Learn how to: search websites, send and receive emails, use popular apps like Skype, WhatsApp, send and receive photos and be safe online. Ballyhoura Development is delivering 'bring your own device' Digital Skills training in Cappamore Library. This training aims to give people the confidence, motivation and skills to take their first steps online. Training is FREE and will be delivered in small groups of 8 to 10 people, over 5 x 2-hour sessions. We hope to begin our next training on Friday, 21st February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. To book a place please contact Cappamore Library on 061-381586 or email cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Kettlebells classes take place on Monday mornings @ 9:30am & Wednesday evenings @ 7:30pm. Pilates on Tuesday evenings @ 7:30pm & Thursday Mornings @ 9:30am. Line Dancing resumes on Friday night 17th January. Youth Club is back this Wednesday 15th January from 7pm to 8pm and Doon Badminton Club is back every Monday and Thursday night in the main hall. New members welcome. For bookings of the hall, meeting rooms, astro turf pitch, birthday parties, marquee hire etc. call 085 1443470.

STUDY HUB: reopening this week on Tuesday the 14th January from 4pm to 8pm and on Wednesday & Thursday from 3.30pm to 7.30pm. Places available, all welcome.

DOON CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL: Old clothes collection continues until Friday 31st Jan 2020. Bags of Clothes can be left in school shed at any time. Split the Pot: Congratulations to this week's winner Antoinette Connolly of €310. Thanks for your continued support.

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 5-8-18-19 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €6,600

Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend.