



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—12th March 2017

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Dear Parishioner, In this Sunday's Gospel we learn about the Transfiguration. This is when Jesus went to a quiet space up in the mountains with John, Peter and James. Here Jesus became transfigured or changed. The disciples saw Jesus and he was in glowing white speaking with Moses and Elijah from the Old Testament. Moses represents the Law and Elijah represents the Prophets. One of the things this tells us is that the Old Testament (the law and the prophets) testifies to the fact that Jesus is the Messiah, the Chosen One of God. In Verse 7, a very beautiful thing happened. Jesus came and touched his friends on their shoulders and said, 'do not be afraid.' Jesus asks us not to be afraid every day. When we are in doubt, nervous or worried, Jesus whispers to us that we do not need to be afraid. The Old Testament is important because it points to Jesus. It is God's inspired Word. In front of Peter, James and John was the Messiah, the one whom the Old Testament was written about. Pope John Paul II, now Saint John Paul, used this phrase up until his death. He was reminding us that with Jesus there is no need to be frightened or filled with anxiety, no need to be afraid.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €957-many thanks. **Trocaire Boxes** are available as you leave the Church.

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

Readers:

6:30pm Chloe Byrne
9:30am Damian Richardson
11am Anita Sweeney

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paud Sweeney/Denise Buckley
Nora Coffey/Bridget Duggan
Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Altar Servers: 18th/19th March:

6:30pm Aidan O'Connell, Gareth Thomas, Emma Hickey, Grainne O'Dwyer
11am Sean Og Blacmore, Aoibheann Flint, Chloe Ryan, Cathal & Sean Sweeney

Anniversaries: 11th/12th March:

6:30pm Mary Ryan, Carnahalla-3rd Anniv.
Mary & Jimmy Ryan, Cooga.
Paddy O'Donnell, Kilmoylan.
9:30am Ciara McKenna, Hillview Grove.
Timmy & Bridie Whelan, Lacknagoneeny.
11am Mai & Denis Ryan, Glengar.

18th/19th March:

Kitty & Tom Hogan & grandson Thomas.
Fr. Rodgie Maher, Toomaline & his sisters
Sr. Oliver, Sr. Alphonsus & Sr. Antonio.
John Joe & Josie Keogh & daughter Mary.
Tom Lenihan Cooga.
Thady Mackey, Gurtavalla.
Joe Berkery, Kilmoylan.

Wed. 14th Very Rev. Fr. John McGrath @ 9:30am.

Thur. 16th Margaret Richardson, Cliggin & Ned O'Flynn, Cliggin @ 7:30pm

Fri. 17th Mary & Paddy O'Dwyer Croughmorka @ 11am

Next Friday is St. Patrick's Day: Mass on Thur. evening @ 7:30pm & 9:30am & 11am on St. Patrick's Day.

Recently Deceased: Patricia Cummins, Dublin & Cappamore. Sympathy to the bereaved. May she rest in peace.

Recently Christened: we welcome to our Christian community Jennifer Johanna Copley who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations to her parents Sean & Sarah & her extended family.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10am to 10pm. As a Lenten observance it may well be an opportunity for you to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly: Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16th-21st June. Fully inclusive Price €699. For more information contact Joe Walsh Tours, Dublin, Tel. (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, Doon (061) 380165.

Doon C.B.S. Primary School: A meeting of the new parents for pupils wishing to enrol at Doon CBS for the school year 2017/2018 will take place on Mon. 15th May @ 7:30pm in the school. Application forms available from the school (061) 380239/e-mail:dunbleiscecbcs@gmail.com.

Scripture Study Reflection for Lent: *Hearing Happening Hoping Cashel & Emly Lent 2017* in the Marian Hall, Tipperary Town on Tuesday 14th March, @ 7.30p.m Facilitators: Mary Harrington, Joan Ryan, Sadie Moloney and Caherconlish Millennium Centre on Tuesday 7th & 14th March @ 7.30p.m. Facilitators: Sr. Brenda O'Rourke and Frances O'Brien.

Ballyhoura Development: is currently recruiting for people to join the Rural Social Scheme. It is a 19½ hour a week scheme. To be eligible you need to be actively farming one hectare of land, have an active herd number & have a basic payment application. You also need to be in receipt of a means tested social welfare payment. A spouse, child or sibling of an active farmer who has a qualifying social welfare payment can also apply for the scheme. There are both indoor & outdoor work opportunities. For more information contact Eugene O' Donnell (087) 6558731.

JS Fitness & Performance: new training facility. Class schedule available on facebook & in local shops. Personal training also available. For more information call Joe (085) 7617485

Doon Community Council: are organising a public meeting of all the organisations & people of Doon to be held on Tue. 21st March in the Community Centre @ 8pm to discuss the future use and proposed development of the Convent building & farm that has been put forward by Ballyhoura RS. Copies of letter received from Ballyhoura RS outlining proposed development are available in the local shops & post office for people to read before the meeting.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 6th Mar. no's drawn 2-16-17-23, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €12,400. **Fixtures & Results:** will be sent out by text for weekday & weekend fixtures each week. If you would like to receive these texts please text your name to (087) 7818652. Alternatively you can search for Doon GAA on TeamApp where you can also receive these alerts. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Save the Dates:** A night at the dogs will take place on April 1st in Limerick Dog Track. Tickets now available from committee members, tickets €10 each & juveniles are free on the night. Please support. Strictly Come Dancing on 29th Oct. in Doon community Centre.