



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-12th May 2019

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Dear Parishioner, John's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the 'spiritual Gospel,' as it has beautiful, reflective passages. During the Easter season, we read and hear mostly from John. It is a lovely opportunity to meditate more deeply on the Word. Today, we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd and of his people as the flock. We hear the words 'I know them.' Jesus knows each person intimately. He knows our deepest desires, our worries and fears, our insecurities and pain. Jesus is as close to us as our own breathing. Nobody can interfere with this intimate friendship, even though at times we may feel differently. We may experience discrimination because of our faith, or be attacked in some way. When things are not going so well, we may feel as if Jesus has abandoned us; sometimes we simply want to give up on the whole thing. We become distant. Let this passage be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us and knows our struggles. We simply need to share those struggles and fears with Him, for 'no one will snatch them [you] out of my hand.' We may forget this from time to time. This week, can you spend five minutes each day meditating on this passage? Focus on the breath. A phrase to repeat might be: 'Jesus, I know that you are as close to me as my own breathing.'

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

Readers:

6:30pm Chloe Byrne

9:30am Mary Lysaght

11am Margaret Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan

Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin

John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

Anniversaries: 11th/12th May:

6:30pm Michael & Mary Horrigan, Cooga.

Margaret Ryan, Glasha Talann & Gurtavalla -Months Mind.

9:30am Mick & Josie Mai O'Dwyer, Coolbane.

11am Catherine Quigley, Toomaline.

Josephine & Michael Ryan Simon, Cooga Upper.

18th/19th May:

Margaret, Con & Rodger Hanly.

Nellie Duggan, Cooga, Biddy Treacy, Bride & Andrew Forrest.

Joe Fitzgibbon, Glengar.

Paddy Moloney, Kilmoylan & deceased members of the Moloney family.

Recently Deceased: pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Monica Twomey, formerly of Convent of Mercy, Doon & Jimmy Ryan, Bank Place, Doon whose funeral's took place during the week. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Doon & District Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome. We would like to thank everybody that generously contributed to our Church gate collection last weekend, mount raised was €773.

Doon ICA: walk in Kilmoylan Wood for Breast Cancer Awareness on Thur. 23rd May @ 7:30pm, refreshments after. All welcome.

Doon Hill Walk: takes place on Sat. 25th May @ 7:30pm. Registration at Community Centre on the evening. BBQ & music afterwards in The Local Bar. Proceeds on the night in aid of Doon Community Centre & Doon Men's Shed. Spot prizes for participants. All welcome.

Radio Marina Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: Weekly clean up on Wed. evenings @ 7pm. There is only a few weeks left now until judging of tidy town start, we will meet at the Church Gates @ 7pm, volunteers most welcome & needed.

Doon GAA: Lotto is now available online. Click into doon.limerick.gaa.ie & get the link or contact any committee member. This is our main fundraiser & we appreciate your continued support. Lotto No's drawn 1-14-17-21, no winner. Next week's draw has a jackpot of €7,200.

Mass Cards, Exam Cards & Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Adoration: We need adorers to fill the following times: Wed. 1pm-2pm & 7pm-8pm. If you can help out even for a few weeks please contact John O'Brien (086) 8586304, Mary Macleod (087) 1767465 or Marcia Mooney (086) 4038420.

Doon Community Council: To book the hall, astro-turf pitch, any of the facilities or our birthday party package please contact (085) 1443470.

Legion of Mary: the rosary will be prayed at the Grotto every Sunday evening at 6pm during the month of May.

Fund Raising Dance Challenge: in aid of cancer research & Cappamore day care centre. Challenge 40 different dances in 1 hour in Cappamore community centre on Fri. 17th May @ 7:30pm. Hooley & teas will follow @ 8:30 pm. Any enquiries to Pauline (085) 7417609.

Scoil Na Trionoide Naofa: Parent's Council are hosting a Raffle with proceeds going towards Student Activities at a BINGO NIGHT on Thur. 16th May @ 8:30pm in Cappamore Community Centre. If you have any items which you would like to donate towards making hampers please drop to the school by Mon. 13th. Your support will be appreciated.

Doon CBS: congratulations to the 6 boys who played on the East Limerick Primary School Hurling team that won the Mackey Cup defeating West Limerick in the final.

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: will be drawn up over the next few weeks. If you have any changes please contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898 ASAP.

Safe Guarding: policy in the Archdiocese & in the Parish: A concise policy leaflet is available in the church & on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Jane Hayes & Breda Purcell. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished & protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church. Please take the safeguarding newsletter which is available at church exits.

Visitation of the Sick in Hospitals & Nursing Homes: are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents. This is due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.