



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 13th January 2019

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Dear Parishioner, Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Collection last weekend: Amount collected will no longer be published publicly for security reasons. If anyone would like to know the amount collected feel free to ask Fr Jimmy.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 19th/20th Jan:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Eddie Greene	Paud Sweeney
Servers Tommy & Michael Ryan, Padraig & Diarmuid Crowe	Nora Coffey/Bridget Duggan
9:30am Donie Anderson	Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney
11am Aisling McNamara	
Servers Darren Kennedy, Paddy Ryan, Cathal Sweeney, Niall Riordan	
Anniversaries: 12 th /13 th Jan.:	19 th /20 th Jan.:
6:30pm Michael O'Brien & his parents Molly & Paddy and his brother Tom	Morgan & Kathy Crowe, Cooga.
Jack Maher, Glasha Talann (1 st).	Denis, Annie & Margaret Reale, Glengar.
9:30am Paddy Ryan, Gurtavalla Cross (1 st)	Bridie Hewitt, Carnahalla.
11am George & Kate Lonergan	Brian Butler, Carrigbeg.
Michael O'Brien, Carrigbeg	
Phyllis Brosnan & her parents Patrick & Mary Danaher, Reenavanna.	

New Rota: for readers & Eucharistic ministers available from the sacristy or if you would like it emailed, please text your name & email to Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898.

Obituaries: please pray for Michael Leahy, Lattin-father of Beth O'Brien, Carrigbeg who was laid to rest on Tue. 8th Jan. Sympathy to the bereaved. May he rest in peace.

Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 1-17-20-24, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €3,800. **Ireland Lights Up:** it's that time of year again & Ireland lights up encourages GAA clubs to switch on their floodlights every Thur. between 7-9pm for a five week period. Starting Thur. 17th to Thur. 21st. All welcome. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection will start on Thur. 24th Jan. Any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, etc. It's a great way to clear unwanted items for 2019, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Doon CBS Primary School: The Parents Association of Doon CBS Primary School will hold a cake sale at the Pastoral Centre on Sat. & Sun. 26th & 27th Jan. after all masses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa: STN Doon Camogie Munster Colleges Senior A final. Doon V Ursuline Convent, Waterford @ 2pm on Saturday 12th January in Cappamore. Support as always is greatly appreciated.

Radio Maria Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210. Join our growing listenership family for daily Holy Mass, Prayer, lively chat, music and testimonies, youth programmes & events – Good News from all corners of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019. Enrolment for First Holy Communion Sat. 26th Jan. @ 6:30pm Mass.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: Office services are not available in the community centre at present as Tús are not currently providing staff for this. We hope to resume office services as soon as possible. Weekly classes resuming as follows: Kettlebells-Mon. @ 9:30am & Wed. @7:30pm. Yoga-Thur. @7:30pm, pay as you go. New members welcome to join. Thanks to the bikers who took part in the End of Year Motorbike Run for their contribution of €1,650 from the event & thanks to all who helped out on the day. **Doon Youth Club:** resumes on Wed. 16th Jan. for 10 years old to 6th class, 7pm at the Community Centre. 1st years are back on the 23rd of Jan. Both groups will be every 2nd week.

Michael Clifford Fundraising Tractor Run: in aid of Tipperary Branch of Multiple Sclerosis on Sun. 27th Jan.—start at 12:30pm from Rearcross Village, registration in Kennedys Bar. Benefit night in Kennedys Lounge Rearcross on Sat. 19th Jan.-spot prizes, raffle & music with "The Stonethrowers", adm. €5 – Tickets available from committee members & at Kennedys Shop Rearcross. Support greatly appreciated. For more information contact John (086) 8897482 or John (087) 6708107

Dún Bleisce Historical Society: Thanks to all who attended & contributed to the recent Annual Table Quiz in Moore's Bar. The amount raised of €734.16 will be used to support the ongoing education of a young Kenyan student, Leah Koriang. Prior to this, the society has already contributed €3,810 towards the education of Leah, arising from your support of our annual quiz nights. This project is supporting local man, Tony Woods who works as a lay missionary in Kenya.

Doon Study Hub: reopening Tue. 15th Jan. @ 4 pm, limited places, pre-booking advised. Great packages available check out our Facebook Page.