



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 13th May 2018

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Dear Parishioner, sandwiched between Easter and Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension can sometimes tend to be overlooked. It can be hard to make sense of the artistic images we see of Jesus disappearing into the clouds as the disciples stand stare after him. But the Ascension does more than simply mark the culmination of Jesus' earthly life; it opens up for us a path to God. Where Jesus has gone, we hope one day to follow.

As Pope Francis puts it, 'the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now ... present in every space and time, close to each one of us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.'

It is this very presence of Jesus that gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength for mission. Immediately before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final and most important instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news to all creation.' And after he goes, the disciples straight away set about the task. Far from being suddenly absent, we are told the Lord is now working with them in a new way. The Ascension is less a loss than a transition, a promise that Jesus will always be with us.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday €1,136, thank you for your contributions.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 19th/20th May:

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6:30pm Eoin Doyle	Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon
Servers: Aidan O'Connell, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Sheena & James Buckley, Liliana Bodnar	
9:30am Donal Anderson	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
11am Aisling McNamara	Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney
Servers: Orla & Cathal Hayes, Sean Og & Denis Blackmore, Caoimhe Murphy	

Anniversaries: 12th/13th May:	19th/20th May:
6:30pm Michael & Mary Horrigan, Cooga.	Con Margaret & Rodger Hanly.
9:30am Josephine & Michael Ryan Simon, Cooga.	Mick, Josie & Mai O'Dwyer, Coolbawn
11am Catherine Quigley, Toomaline.	

Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All are welcome. Doon & District Men's Shed would like to thank everybody who supported their church gate collection last weekend. Amount raised €822.73. A 6km walk will take place on Sat. 26th May starting at the Community Centre @ 8pm, in aid of Doon & District Men's Shed & Doon Community Centre/Playground. BBQ afterwards in the Local Pub, all are welcome.

Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage: 16th-21st June 2018. If you would be interested in volunteering as a helper with the pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Jimmy for more information.

World Meeting of Families: please visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie for full details of the WMOF Congress at the RDS in Dublin Aug. 22nd to 24th.

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 9-12-28-30 no winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,600. 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 Eucharistic Adoration Group: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10pm. Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord! **24 Hours of Adoration for the People of Ireland:** will take place in our Parish Church beginning on Wed. 23rd May @ 10 am & finishing on Thur. 24th May. You are welcome to take part by signing your name & your chosen hour on the sheets left on the tables in the Church. We need adorers especially during the hours of 10 pm Wed. until 10 am. Thur. We require at least 2 adorers per hour. If you are an adorer & want to fill in another hour you are free to do so. You can also give any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee your chosen hour. Contact: John O'Brien: (086) 8586304, Mary MacCleod: (087) 1767465 or Marcia Mooney (089) 4146481.

Tickets for the Pope's Visit: if you are interested in tickets for the Papal Events, ie. Festival of Families on Sat. evening 25th Aug. in Croke Park & the Final Mass on Sun. 26th Aug. in Phoenix Park. Please visit The WMOF website www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets.

Convent of Mercy Secondary School Doon-Reunion: for anyone who attended the school up until 1965 will take place in Ballykisteen Hotel on 10th July 2018, starting mid-day. Further information from www.doonconventreunion.com

Choose Life Newsletters: These weekly newsletters are full of rich content and can be downloaded at www.chooselife2018.ie.

Dún Bleisce-"Mar a bhí agus mar atá": A photographic record of Doon Parish is on sale now in Spar, Richardson's Butcher and Collins Pharmacy.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: have launched a weekly clean up, we will meet at the Church Gate at 7pm every Wed. night between now & July in preparation for Tidy Town adjudication. All help welcome.

Doon Community Council: Thanks again to all involved in Brian Berkery's Honda 50 Run, €1,500 was donated towards the running of the Community Centre.

Rosary: for the protection of the little babies in the womb on Sun. 13th May @ 6pm at the grotto.

Doon CBS Primary School: open evening for incoming 2nd class on Tue. 15th May @ 7:30pm.

The Sweeney Family: on behalf of Fr. Johnny would like sincerely to thank all who donated in any way to the recent collection & helped to sort all we received. Due to the fantastic response our allocated space in the container is now full. Winners of complimentary raffle will be contacted shortly.

Parish Defibrillator: meeting will be held on Mon. 14th @ 9pm. Many thanks to everyone who took the Defib phone for the past 10 years. An alternative system to having just 1 phone attached to this service will be discussed. John Mulreedy will give an update on how community based defibrillator groups are now operating best. If you are trained to use a defibrillator or are willing to train, please come alone.

Wedding: congratulations to Jonathan Ryan, Carrigmore & Lisa Ryan, Ballina. We wish them health & happiness & many blessings in their marriage.

Baptism: we welcome to our Christian community Riagan Michael Greene. Congratulations to his parents Stephen & Natalie & the extended family. We also welcome Lucas Gilmartin. Congratulations to his parents David & Katie & the extended family.

Thank You: Fr. Walter McNamara Cssp would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous contribution of €1,040 to the recent collection for the Holy Ghost Missions.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: in Pallasgreen Community Centre on Thur. 3rd May at 8pm for 7 nights. The main speaker is Ms. Jessie Rogers. Admission is free but a donation will be welcome.