



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

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Dear Parishioner,

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life, of saying 'thank you.' Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means 'I appreciate you.' The Irish for thank you, go raibh maith agat, is much more expressive than the English. It translates, 'May you have goodness,' or, 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship. Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed, and he is eager to thank him. I was always puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus: 'Your faith has saved you.' Surely, he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? They all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. That is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved. Gratitude is an important part of faith. What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know?

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 19th & 20th Oct:

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6:30pm Gerdie McGrath	Paul Sweeney/Mary Ryan
9:30am Orla Treacy	Catherine Crown/Mary MacLeod
11am Therese O'Dea	Donal Ryan/Bridie Stapleton

Anniversaries: 12th/13th Oct:

6:30pm Nellie Slattery, Cooga Michael Danaher, Dundee, Scotland and late of Reenavanna – Month's Mind	19th & 20th Oct: For the people of the parish
9:30am John Stokes, Clonlusk	For the people of the parish
11am Kathleen Hayes, Main St	Johnny, Julia, and Johanna Anderson

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pray for Tommy McLoughlin 8 Hillview Grove whose funeral took place during the week. Our sympathy to the bereaved.

MASS CARDS: available in the sacristy.

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

"BLEISCE" DOON PARISH JOURNAL: In order to have the 28th issue of "Bleisce" on sale in early December we must have submissions (which may be subject to editing) by October 25th. Articles, tributes, club reports etc. may be given to Donal Anderson, Fr Jimmy or Peggy Sweeney or emailed to doonparishjournal@hotmail.com. Old photos, special occasion photos, Santa or pet photos are most welcome. If emailing photos **PLEASE send in JPEG Format and not as part of text document.**

ADORATION GROUP: people needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. 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.

TEAMHOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Leaflets that explain all will be available next week. Simply fill a shoebox with age appropriate gifts to include items to wash with, wear, write and wow to be ready by Nov 15th. If you would like to give a donation instead of filling a box one will be filled on your behalf. Contact Norah on 087 9384583 for more details.

IRISH RED CROSS: The East Branch of the Irish Red Cross will hold a church gate collection after all Masses this weekend the 12th & 13th October. Support greatly appreciated.

DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: New publication "History of the White Family". A new edition of John Davis White's family history edited by Margaret Franklin with a contribution by Dr. Shane Newport White will be launched this Sat 12th October @ 8 pm in the Fr. McGrath Hall. All welcome.

DÚN BLEISCE TIDY TOWNS: Used clothes collection this Sunday 13th Oct @ Pastoral Centre from 9.00 am to 12 noon, clothes, shoes & handbags gratefully accepted but **NO duvets or pillows**. Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns received a total mark of 305 in this year's Super Value Tidy Towns competition, this is an increase of 5 marks from 2018. Doon re-entered Tidy Towns in 2007 and has made steady improvements each year. Thanks to all our hard-working volunteers and everyone in the village and surrounds who supported us, keep up the good work and let us all play our part by making Doon a tidier and neater village to be proud of.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: in Hospitals and Nursing Homes. 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 from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

DIOCESAN LISTENING PROCESS: follow-up: Please visit our Diocesan website at www.cashel-emly.ie to view ongoing developments arising from the Listening Process including details of upcoming Gatherings of Parishes in October to identify priorities for parishes in our diocese. You are most welcome to participate in our discussions as we plan for 2020 and beyond. I would encourage you to participate in the next meeting for our Parish of Doon on Wed 30th Oct @ 7.30pm – Murroe Parishes in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish.

OCTOBER IS SAFEGUARDING MONTH: Due to unforeseen circumstances one the of Guest Speakers is unable to attend the Evening Safeguarding Conference in the Anner Hotel on Thursday, 17th October next. Therefore, the Conference has been cancelled. We hope to be able to reschedule in the New Year. Any booking fee received will be returned.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Senior Citizens Christmas Party Sunday 8th December. To book hall, pitch or meeting rooms call 085 1443470. Birthday party & bouncy castle package also available.

CONVENT PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS COUNCIL: are holding a fundraiser Halloween Children's Disco in the Fr McGrath hall on October 25th from 6.30-8.30 pm. Support greatly appreciated.

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 4-7-11-28 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €4,000.

DOON YOUTH CLUB: Resumes on Wednesday 16th October in the Community Centre from 6.30 to 7.30 pm.

DANCE CLASSES: Ceili, line dancing, Sean nos, waltz, jive, etc. for children will resume in the Community Centre, Cappamore on Wed 18th Sept @ 4 15 pm. Senior dance classes for fitness & fun will resume in Muintire na Tire hall, Murroe on Wed 16th October @ 815 pm. Enquiries to Pauline 085 7417609.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net