



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 14th April 2019

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Dear Parishioner, We know where Jesus is going to end up, and Jesus knows it too. At the beginning of today's Mass, we hear of Jesus' spectacular entry into Jerusalem. The crowds who greet him cry out and praise God – the King has come! It is similar to how victorious army generals were welcomed home. These people have set their hopes on Jesus. They are waiting for a Messiah and King, and have heard so much about this preacher – is he the one they've been waiting for? But Jesus is not the hero they've been expecting. He has not come to raise up an army or become a great political leader. Quite the opposite: Jesus has come to Jerusalem to die. The story takes a dark and dramatic turn, and we are plunged into a tale of arrest, trial, torture and death. Before long, the crowds are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting him on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. Jesus' triumphant entrance into the city is also his entry into his betrayal, suffering, and death. We play our part in the unfolding drama today, as we first hold up our palm branches and later join the crowds condemning Jesus. In his Palm Sunday homily to young people last year, Pope Francis said the changing reactions of the crowds 'expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to 'wash our hands'.' Today we place ourselves in the Passion of Jesus, and we look to the Cross as our consolation and our challenge.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 20th/21st April:

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Holy Thur.	Emma Kennedy	
Good Fri.	Catherine Tierney & Kay Ryan	
Sat. 6:30pm	Gerdie McGrath, John O'Brien Mary Lysaght & Mairead Maher	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
9:30am:	Marie Duggan	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
11am:	Margaret Ryan	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Anniversaries: 13th/14th April: 20th/21st April:

6:30pm	Norman Beresford, & Margaret Dunne.	
9:30am	PJ Byrne, Ballycushowen.	People of the Parish
11am	Margaret & Richard Connolly, Kilkenny. Chrissie O'Meara, Toomaline.	

Holy Week Ceremonies in Doon Parish: Wed. 17th @ 7:30pm-Christm Mass Cathedral Thurles. Holy Thur. 18th @ 7:30pm- Mass of The Lords Supper, followed by Prayer for 1 hour. Good Fri. 19th @ 3pm-Celebration of The Lords Passion (Holy Places Collection taken up today) Stations of the Cross 7:30pm. Holy Sat. 20th @ 6:30pm-Holy Saturday Vigil. Easter Sun. 21st @ 6:30am-Dawn Mass in the Cemetery. Refreshments kindly provided after Mass in Spar Shop, a gesture very much appreciated. **Confessions on request before or after ceremonies.**

Obituaries: We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Ryan, Glasha Talann whose funeral took place during the week. Denis (Sonny) O'Connell, Kilcommon (father of Breda Dervin, Doon

Convent Primary School) funeral Mass today Sun @ 1pm. Sympathies to the bereaved. May they rest in peace.

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

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

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @11am on the 5th May 2019

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: The annual Team Limerick clean up sponsored by JP McManus takes place on Good Friday April 19th @ 10 am. We will meet at the Church Gates & all roads in the parish will be cleaned, every year so far has been an outstanding success so please do support it this year again & help to keep Doon a tidy village. For safety reasons children should be accompanied by an adult. The weekly clean up on Wed. evenings @ 7pm continues. We will meet at the old CBS Secondary School to clean up the grounds, 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 6-11-13-22, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €6,400. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection continues, all support would be greatly appreciated. Club Membership: is now online. Please note that membership will close on 31st April. Ticket/draws for inter county matches will be restricted to paid up members. **Limerick Development Draw:** please contact any club member to find out more details or contact draw co-ordinator Donal Anderson (086) 8421747. **Fixtures:** best of luck to our senior hurlers who play 1st rd. Championship v Patrickswell today, Sun. 14h @ 2:30pm in Kilmallock-all supported appreciated.

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

The Sacred Heart Messenger: Ireland's biggest selling Religious Magazine for over 130 years have a free book "Sharing the Wisdom of Time" for all new subscribers. Complete & return forms which are available at church or apply by email to sales@messenger.ie or by phone 01 7758524.

Doon Community Council: To book the hall, astro-turf or any of the facilities please contact (085) 1443470. We welcome Dr. Breda Carroll to Doon & wish her every success in her new medical practice as she follows on from Dr. John O'Brien. **Congratulations:** to Doon Youth Club for winning youth club & youth leaders of the year 2018/2019, which took place last weekend.

Doon Friends of Lourdes: annual church gate collection this weekend 13th/14th April. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yoga with Eileen B: every Thurs. night in Fr. McGrath Hall from 7:30-8:30pm. All welcome.

Doon Study Hub: for Easter opening times please check out our Facebook Page 'DoonStudyHub'. Limited places available please contact (087) 1300103.

Church Cleaning Committee: will meet next Tue. 16th Apr. @ 10am.

LCFE Cappamore Campus: is now enrolling for full-time courses starting in Sept. Information morning on Tue. 30th April 10am-1pm. Apply online at www.lcfe.ie, contact the College at 061 381272 or call into the Campus for further details.

Mulkear G.I.Y Cappamore: talk will be given by Joe from Joe's Garden Centre, Tipperary on 24th April @ 8pm. All welcome.