

**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-14th May 2017**

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Dear Parishioner, 'I am the way, the truth and the life'. In his poem 'The lake isle of Inisfree', Yeats tells us that peace comes dropping slow. Yeats understood that happiness and sadness wash over us like the tide. But peace is harder to obtain and to maintain. When we achieve peace in our hearts, we are free to love God in a full and all-embracing way.

Today's Gospel shares this truth with us. Jesus tells us to be assured that there is a place for us in his Father's house, he will go ahead of us and prepare it. Jesus calms any fears we may have of being cut adrift, of being let go or abandoned. Jesus has shown us the way to God. The 'way' is not easy, it is not without pain and consistent effort. However, we can wake up each and every day to begin again, to right any wrongs and to take another step in the right direction. This will bring us ultimate peace.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday's collection was €1,218-many thanks.

Congratulations: To the boys and girls of our Primary Schools who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Congratulations also to their parents and families and of course their teachers. May we always appreciate the great gift which Jesus has given us in the Eucharist.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: for 20th/21st May:

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm	Freda Shanahan	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
9:30am	Marie Duggan	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am	Aisling McNamara	Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

Altar Servers:

6:30pm	Ciara & Caitlin O'Grady, ran Ryan, Dylan Byrne.
11am	Sean Óg Blackmore, Aoibheann Flint, Chloe Ryan, Cathal & Sean Sweeney.

Anniversaries:	13 th /14 th May:	20 th /21 st May:
6:30pm	John & Mary Nolan, Kilmoylan & Daughter Kitty, Glasha Talann.	Margaret, Con & Rodger Hanly. James Ryan, Months Mind,
9:30am	Michael & Mary Horrigan, Cooga.	
11am	Catherine Quigley, Toomaline. Michael & Mary Healy, Kerry.	William O'Dea, Gurtnakisteen.

Obituaries: Peggy McNamara, Cappamore (mother of Ger McNamara, Kilmoylan) who was laid to rest in Doon on Fri. 12th May. May she rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

May Devotions: The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto of Our Lady every Sun. evening during the month of May @ 6:30pm. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. from 10am to 10pm. Please take a leaflet & commit some time. If you cannot fulfill your allotted time for some reason subs are available to take your place. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Doon Historical Society: Des Marnane will give a lecture on the impact of Tipperary Military Barracks 1870 - 1922 on Mon. 15th May @ 8pm.

Archdiocese Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage: 16th-21st June 2017, 5 nights - Fully inclusive Price €699. Booking forms available now for the Pilgrim Section from Joe Walsh Tours 143 Lower Baggott Street Dublin 2 Tel: (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev Jimmy Donnelly (061) 380165.

Our Lady of Fatima Centenary Celebrations: 13th May 1917-13th May 2017. To celebrate the centenary the Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on the 13th day of each month from May until October @ 6pm. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home for a week. Please put your details on the sheet as you leave the Church.

Doon Study Hub: up & running at T.Hayes premises Main Street, Mon.-Fri. 4pm-8pm, Sat. & Sun. 10am-2pm/2:30pm-6:30pm. Homework Club: now starting for 4th, 5th & 6th Class Students Mon-Fri. 3pm-4pm for as little as €3. For more information call (087)9855522.

New Community Website & app: will be launching soon to help connect everyone to all news, events businesses & work in the area. Check out www.urhub.ie for updates.

Doon CBS Primary School: A meeting of parents of new pupils intending to enrol at the school next Sept. will be held on Mon. 15th May at 7:30.p.m. in the primary school.

Cappamore Historical Society: Dr. Mary Corcoran will launch "Liam Ryan Selected Writings" in the Community Centre Cappamore on Fri. 26th May @ 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Save the Date: Mon. 29th May North East Limerick District Forum. Inviting all community groups, individuals & businesses in North East Limerick to attend a meeting in Cappamore Community Centre at 7:30pm. All are welcome. Contact Ballyhoura Development, Cappamore Campus.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: will hold a litter pick up confined to village, sponsored by An Taisce. Meeting at Church gates on Wed. 17th May @ 7pm. All help welcome.

Sliabh Feilim Singers: present a Charity Concert (in aid of Fr. Johnny Sweeney's Mission in Argentina) in Abington Church on Sun. 21st May at 7:30pm. Adm. €10, children free. Your support would be much appreciated.

Doon Community Council: A letter is currently being sent to all households in the parish looking for opinions from the people of Doon in relation to the redevelopment of the convent property in the village. You are asked to complete the form & return to one of the designated boxes located in Doon businesses by 23rd May. Alternatively email suggestions to: doonconventsuggestions@gmail.com

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 8th May no's drawn 3-9-26-27, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €14,200. Fixtures & Results: will be sent out by text -for weekday & weekend fixtures each week. If you would like to receive these texts please text your name to (087) 7818652. Alternatively you can search for Doon GAA on TeamApp where you can also receive these alerts. **Membership:** closing date for membership is the 31st May. Juvenile €20, adult player €50 & non-player €30 & can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Cash 4 Clobber:** bags can be dropped to clubhouse every Sat. morning from 10-11:30am or contact any club member.

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