



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 15th April 2018

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Dear Parishioner, At the beginning of a baptism ceremony, the priest welcomes the parents with their baby at the Church, and after asking them for the name of their child and to formally declare their desire to have the child baptised, he says: 'You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?' The parents answer: 'We do' showing that they are freely and consciously accepting their duty as Christian parents. This fundamental principle, that the faith is primarily handed on in the home and family, from generation to generation, goes back to our pre-Christian roots. The people of Israel had a very strong sense that faith is sustained and passed on in the home, from parents to children, from elders to the next generations. As Psalm 78 puts it: 'we will tell to a generation still to come, the praises of the Lord, his power, the wonderful deeds he has done ... so that a generation still to come might know it, children yet to be born'. Congratulations to the children of our schools who made their confirmation on Tuesday last. Thanks to your parents and teachers and the faith community here for helping your faith to develop and to grow. May you have the courage to practice your faith in a changing world and share it with others.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday €975, thank you for your contributions.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 21st/22nd April

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Brian McMahan	John Favier/Paudie Sweeney
Servers: Oran Ryan, Ciara O'Grady, Ciaran Hynes, Lauren & Grainne Ryan	
9:30am Marie Duggan	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am Catherine Tierney	John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton
Servers: Conor Kennedy, Isabelle Maher, Cathal Sweeney, Jessica & Joshua McLoughlin	

Anniversaries: 14th/15th Apr:	21st/22nd Apr:
6:30pm James Carew, Main Street-4 th Anniv. Norman Beresford & Margaret Dunne. Treacy. Maureen 4 th Anniv & Ned Morrissey 14 th Anniv.	Nellie Duggan, Cooga & her sisters Biddy Ted Murphy, Mt. St. Josephs-36 th Anniv.
9:30am PJ Byrnes, Ballycushowen.	Gerry & Chrissie Cummins, Carrigmore.
11am Daniel, Mary, Noreen & Teresa Morrissey. Chrissie O'Meara, Toomaline-4 th Anniv.	Joe Fitzgibbon, Glengar-1 st Anniv. James Ryan Buckley, Hillview Grove-1 st Anniv

Dates: First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6th May.

Baptism: We welcome to our Christian community Sadie Audrey Creagh, Kilmoylan who was Baptised on Sunday. Congratulations to her parents Jennifer & Johnny and the extended family.

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

Date for your Diary: Sun. 13th May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima rosary rally for the protection of little babies in the womb at 6 O'clock, rosary continues ever Sun. @ 10:40am before Mass.

Doon Community Council: AGM will take place on Wed. 18th April at 8:30pm, all welcome. **Youth Club:** continues every Wed. @ 6:15pm, in the community centre, for children over 10 years of age. €5 registration and €2 per week thereafter.

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 12-17-21-29, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,800. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell. **Fixtures:** U21 Co., Semi Final Reply, Doon v Na Piarasigh, today, Sun. 15th @ 6pm in Martinstown, all support appreciated.

Doon Friends of Lourdes: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to our annual Church Gate last weekend which amounted to €770.42. Anyone interested in traveling on the Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage 16th-21st June, please forward your name to Sandra Ryan (A) 087-6448470 or Mairead Murphy 086-8891047 by Apr. 22nd. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Johnny Sweeney has been given space in a container going to Argentina where he works in St. Patrick's Parish, Mercedes. He would appreciate CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY baby/children's, clothes/shoes and toys for the underprivileged in his Parish. They can be handed into the Pastoral Centre before & after all Masses next weekend 21st/22nd April. Thank you.

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! You can contact any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee John O' Brien (086)8586304, Mary MacCleod (087)1767465, Marcia Mooney (086)4038420 to discuss same.

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 and refer all queries to the WMOF website www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets.

Doon ICA: AGM will take place on Thur. 19th Apr. @ 8 pm in the Community Centre. New members welcome.

Dun Bleisce Historical Society: will hold a talk on Mon. 16th Apr. in The Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm. The talk "For the record-40 years of local journalism" will be given by Patricia Feehily, former journalist & currently columnist. All welcome.

Chernobyl Children International Mulkear Outreach Group: would like to thank all who supported our recent church gate collection. The amount raised was €691.97, many thanks.

Doon Photo Book Launch: Jimmy Buckley, one of Doon's famous sons will launch Dún Bleisce-"Mar a bhí agus mar atá". A photographic record of Doon Parish, as it was and as it is on Fri. 20th Apr. @ 7pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

Diocesan Family Fun Day: WMOF Family Fun Day on Sun. 29th Apr. in Tipperary Racecourse from 1pm-4:30pm.

National Annual Pilgrimage of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: Knock Shrine Co. Mayo on Sun. 29th April. The Pilgrimage theme is: The Family of Eucharistic Adoration. A bus is being organised with pick up points at various locations; if interested please ring Mary Jo Fahey at 062- 75282.

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