



## St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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Dear Parishioner,

Every year the advertising industry invests billions in getting our attention and they have become expert at it. One of the things they understand is that we desire constant happiness for ourselves and others. The effectiveness of the industry, however, is not measured by human happiness or well-being but sales. Every advert also carries a subliminal message "Spend, spend, spend" ... and not just for Christmas! In fact, the industry passed the fruit of their labours in relation to Christmas over to the media months ago and are now busy working on how to encourage us take summer holidays etc. Today's Gospel is also centered in human happiness and well-being, but not just our own. Through John the Baptist's preaching we are invited to review our relationships with our personal belongings, our income provider and with persons we are called to serve. It reminds us that a truly good life is forever tied with justice, and that we usurp our true nature each time we make God's of ourselves. Much of this teaching is not unique to Christianity. Indeed, I am reminded of Mahatma Gandhi's teaching "Live simply so that others may simply live". For us, however, there is a related question: If we are not true to these demands are we being true to our baptism and our identity as adopted children of the Father?

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:

#### Readers:

6:30pm Ted Riordan

9:30am Donal Anderson

11am Margaret Ryan

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Paud Sweeney/Mary Ryan

Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin

Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney

### Anniversaries: 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Dec:

6:30pm Mary & Jimmy Ryan & Agnes Bermingham

9:30am For the people of the parish

11am Paddy & Susan McNamara, Main St and  
John Joe Fahy, Carnahalla

### 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:

Fr Tom Ryan, former PP

For the people of the parish

John Ryan Gurtavalla & Edinburgh

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm Christmas Day 9.30 & 11.00am No Mass 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> December.

**MASS CARDS:** Available in the sacristy

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

**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.

**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.

**WREN WALK FOR CHERNOBYL:** Takes place through Kilmoylan Woods again this year on **St Stephen's Day**, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December leaving from the Pastoral Centre @ 1pm. All proceeds go directly to upkeep our "Home of Hope" a foster home in Belarus we have committed to maintain for the foreseeable future. Refreshments served. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:** **Confirmation** is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. **First Holy Communion** is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. As a community of faith, we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events in their faith journey. **VISITATION OF THE SICK:** 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, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

**"BLEISCE" DOON PARISH JOURNAL:** Issue No 28 is now on sale in Spar, Richardson's Butchers and Doon Pharmacy at a cost of €10 – an ideal Christmas Gift. Thanks to all who helped with the production of it.

**OUTDOOR CRIB:** The beautiful **Outdoor Crib** in the church grounds was crafted by artist Mike Holmes and funded by the Editorial Committee of "Bleisce". Thanks to all who helped with this project. It is a homely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Fr Jimmy will bless it this Sunday after 11am Mass this Sunday. Please God it will be a reminder for generations to come of the great gift of God becoming one of us.

**SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION:** a total of €1,212.67 was collected at last weekend's church gate collection. A really great amount for which we are extremely grateful. This money will help the SVP throughout the year provide resources to those in need in our own parish.

**MILFORD CARE CENTRE:** The rescheduled illumination of the Milford Hospice Light Up A Memory Tree is to take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm. You are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

**DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Thanks to all who attended the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party, to Fr. Donnelly for celebrating the Mass, to Farrell's caterers, the choir, Doon youth club, Pauline Hynan's school of dancing & Chris Byrne for entertainment, all who donated spot prizes & those who helped in any way. Special thanks to the organisations who donated money towards the cost of the event as follows: Fr Donnelly on behalf of the parish - €500, Paddy Dakar group - €500, & Doon Vintage Club - €600. To book hall, pitch or meeting rooms call 085 1443470. Birthday party & bouncy castle package also available.

**DOON CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Old clothes collection- Starting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. Drop unwanted clothes etc. to the CBS school. Bags of Clothes can be left in school shed at any time. We appreciate your support. **Christmas Carol Singing** for Doon Lourdes invalid fund next weekend Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. **CBS Carol Service** on Monday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**SCOIL NA TRÍONÓIDE NAOEA** will hold their Annual Christmas Fair this Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 5pm. There will be food and craft stalls, a visit from Santa Claus, raffles with fun and games for all ages. See you all there!

**ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.00pm for 7.30pm in Cappawhite Resource Centre – facilitated by Ann McGrath & Ann Dargan. All surrounding parishes are welcome. See www.cashel-emly.ie for more details.

**DOON GAA LOTTO:** no's drawn 2-10-23-30 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in GD's Bar with a jackpot of €5,800

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email [doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net](mailto:doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net)