



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-15th January 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Thought for the week: It's hard to know what, or who, to believe any more. During the recent US presidential race, 'fact checking' became something of a buzzword. After each of the major debates, newspapers and news sites churned out articles investigating the validity of the candidates' claims. Research was rapidly carried out, sources were checked, statements from the past were dragged up to prove or disprove many a point. With the internet making it possible to 'fact-check' in mere minutes, it is so easy to be caught out. Those in public life have to be more careful than ever that they are speaking the truth, that they are not contradicting what they have said previously, and that they can back up their statements with authoritative evidence.

John the Baptist may not have been subject to such rigorous 'fact checking', but he was at pains to explain the source of his authority: 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven ... I have seen and I am the witness'. John knew that people might not immediately take him seriously, so twice he emphasised that he did not know Jesus himself. He was not out to trick or mislead people. We can believe what this first witness says about who Jesus is, because his words come directly from God.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €1,001. Holy Day €535. Crib Donations €195. Many thanks.

Weekly Envelopes for the coming year: All envelope boxes with calendars & a morning prayer have been distributed. If you didn't get your box yet or if you don't have an envelope box and would like one please contact Fr. Jimmy. Please make All cheques payable to Doon Parochial A/c. Thank you for your generosity to all collections.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 21st/22nd Jan:

Readers:

6:30pm Mary Hayes

9:30am Pakie O'Brien

11am Lousia O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon

Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod

John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

Altar Servers:

6:30pm James Collins, Bonnie Rose Crowe, Ciaran Haynes, Jamie Cahill.

11am Sean Og Blackmore, Aoibheann Flint, Chloe Ryan, Cathal & Sean Sweeney

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: will be drawn up over the next few weeks. If any changes please contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898 ASAP.

Anniversaries/Months Mind:

14th/15th Jan:

6:30pm Betty Breen, Lisowen

9:30am Teresa Kelly, Lacka.

Tommy Richardson & his sister

Peggy, Doon South.

11am George & Kate Lonergan,

Kilmoylan.

21st/22nd Jan:

Rita & Matt Ryan, Reenavanna.

Bridie Hewitt, Carnahalla.

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Phyllis Brosnan & parents Patrick &

Mary Danaher, Reenavanna.

Recently Deceased: Tommy Shanahan, Clonteen who was laid to rest on Tue. 10th Jan. Margaret Cummins, Carrigmore who was laid to rest on Wed. 11th Jan. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Enrolement Ceremony for 1st Holy Communion Children: will take place on Sun. 22nd at our 11am Mass.

Recent Baptism: Welcome to our Christian community Megan Erin Anderson who was baptised on the 31st of December. Congratulations to her parents Trevor and Irene.

Sick Calls and Hospital / Nursing Home Visits: Please let Fr. Jimmy know if a family member or neighbour is sick in hospital or in a nursing home or indeed at home and would like a visit.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Ciaran Ryan and Eimear Hogan who were married in Cratloe Church on the 7th of January. We wish them God's blessings and health and happiness in their marriage.

Cake Sale: The parents council of CBS Primary school are having their annual fundraiser next weekend 21st/22nd Jan., before & after all Masses at the Pastoral Centre. Any baked goods or spot prizes would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped to the Pastoral Centre before Mass or to the CBS Primary school.

maths4learners: Maths revision classes running weekly in Doon Community Centre, for both ordinary & higher level, for junior & leaving certificate. Starting on Tue. 24th Jan. and running upto June 2017. Further details can be obtained by email: maths4learners@gmail.com, facebook: Maths4Learners or phone: (086) 3912458.

JS Fitness Classes: take place in Doon Community Centre on Tue. @ 6:30pm Beginers Fitness Class, 7:30pm Insanity. Wed. @ 9:30am Bums & Tums. Thur. @ 6:30pm Beginers Fitness Class, 7:30pm Insanity. Fri. @ 9:30am Bums & Tums. Sat. @ 6pm Cardio-Strenght-Core. All classes €5. Tel. (085) 7617485 if you would like more information.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 9th Jan 2017 no's drawn 6-8-9-16, no winner. Next- week's draw will be held in Jesse's Bar with a jackpot of €10,700. **National Draw Tickets:** are currently been sold by members at €10 each, all proceeds from the draw are retained by the club. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. All club related activity can be found on <https://sites.google.com/view/doongaa/home>