

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 16th February, 2020

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Dear Parishioner,

The bare minimum. There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos! Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in,' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love. Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules,' we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God. Obeying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 22nd/23rd Feb:

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6:30pm Eoin Doyle	Paud Sweeney/Mary Ryan
9:30am Pakie O'Brien	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
11am Margaret Ryan	Donal Ryan/Bridie Stapleton

Anniversaries: 15th/16th Feb:

6:30pm Ned Quigley, Reenavanna Bridie Bradshaw, Glengar (1 st) and Ellen & Martin Bradshaw Ger McSweeney, Glasha Talann (1 st)	22nd/23rd Feb: Sean Ryan, Doon South (10 th) & his brother Liam (4 th) Julia Ryan, Gurtnagara Months Mind
9:30am Nonie & Dinny Duggan and Joan & Brian Mahon, Croughmorka	For the People of the Parish
11am For the People of the Parish	Paul & Julia Skehan

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Confirmation is Tuesday 31st March 2020. We welcome our confirmation candidates their parent's guardians and teachers for their **Ceremony of Light. The Confirmation Children will do the readings and prayers of the faithful and offertory gifts. First Holy Communion is Sunday 3rd 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.

DOON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm
CASHEL & EMLY ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 13th to 18th June 2020 - 5th year pupils from the parish who are interested in helping and been part of the Youth Group on the pilgrimage are invited to submit their names to Fr Jimmy during this coming week.

Next Saturday 22nd Feb @ 6.30pm Mass **one** students name will be drawn to represent the Parish.

YOGA: continues every Thursday night 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Community Centre

VISITATION OF THE SICK: If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: There will be a talk on Monday the 24th February 2020 in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm by Micheal Hassett Murroe on the "Greatest Untold Story of World War 1". All are welcome.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: For bookings of the hall, meeting rooms, astro turf pitch, birthday parties, marquee hire etc. call 085 1443470.

DOON SOCIAL FARM: is running a new Horticulture QQI level 4 course which aims to provide training, skills and knowledge in horticultural. On this course you will learn how to grow fruit and vegetables and develop useful personal development skills for work and life. The full-time course starts at the end of February and runs until the end of August. The course is free to all and those currently in receipt of DSP Payments may be entitled to payment whilst attending the course. To register and for more information call Maura/Deirdre 085 8618993/061 0380808 or email manager@ballyhouraruralservices.org

DOON CBS: Latest **Split the Pot** winner is Anne Cummins collecting €290. Thanks to all who donated to our clothing collection

DOON GAA: LOTTO: no's drawn 16-18-29-32 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in GD's Bar with a jackpot of €7,600. **Cash for Clobber** annual collection is back for the month of February. Drop your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bed sheets, curtains, belts etc. to the clubhouse any weekday morning from 9am to 12pm. Support greatly appreciated.

BADMINTON CLUB: Monday nights from 7pm to 10pm and Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm in the community Centre. Beginners and new members welcome.

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING: @ Cappamore Library delivered in small groups of 8 to 10 people, over 5 x 2-hour sessions beginning on Friday, 21st February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. To book a place please contact Cappamore Library on 061-381586 or email cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tue 25th February 2020 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Bereavement Counsellors will be in attendance to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free

LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY 2020: An opportunity to prepare for Easter. Talks every Sunday of Lent @ 4.30pm. This year's series focuses on the Sunday Gospel readings. Further information from www.glenstal.com. Talks will be streamed and available on the website.

Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday Evening for inclusion the following weekend.