



## St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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### Dear Parishioner,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shares God's unconditional love with us. Jesus explains that when we hear the Word of God, we must work hard to leave our worries aside, rest our heart and let it be open to receive the golden nuggets of love that can be poured in. If we are receptive and open to listening to God's Word, then we will actually hear it. If we are wound up, fretting about life, feeling down and lost, it can be harder to hear God speaking to us. For a moment, let's think of our hearts and minds as computer hard drives! If our hard drives are filled with 'bits' of worry and other 'bits' of nagging doubt, arguments, pain, fear, lack of confidence and so on, there will be no room on our hard drives for God's love. Jesus is asking us to clear out the negativity and doubt, the 'noise' of life. Open our hearts, prepare the soil for the seeds of God's love. Too many times we have allowed his love to bounce off us and not take root. Jesus calls us to have ears that listen to the words of Jesus in the Gospel today. Allow this Gospel to settle in our souls and speak to our lives.

**Offertory Collection:** Last Sunday's collection was €993.00. Thank you for your generosity it is very much appreciated.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>July:

#### Readers:

6:30pm Brian McMahon  
9:30am Damian Richardson  
11am Therese O'Dea & Anna O'Dea

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

John Favier/Paudie Sweeney  
Neil Maher/Ann Hayes  
Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

### Altar Servers: 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>July:

6:30pm Sean & Tommy Ryan, Niamh Kelly, Shauna Ronan & Ciaran Hynes  
11am Sean Og Blackmore, Cathal Hayes, Aidan and Sean Moloney.

### Anniversaries: 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July:

6:30pm Fr Eddie Whelan 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.  
John & Josephine Franklin and their son  
Willie & grandson Sean O' Sullivan.

9:30am Kitty Ryan, Toomaline and her daughter  
Catherine McGrath, Cellbridge.

11am Kathleen Stokes, Clonlusk.

### 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>July:

Nora & Paddy Treacy, Gortavalla & deceased family members.  
Biddy Maher, Coolnamona.  
John & Bridget McLoughlin & their daughter  
Nonie Hickey, Foilaclera.

Jack McDonnell, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Recently Deceased:** Pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy Ryan Bawn, Toher Rd whose funeral took place during the week. Sympathies to the bereaved.

**Baptism:** We welcome into our Christian community Laoise Nuala Morrissey who was baptised last Sunday. Congratulations to her parents Sean & Siobhán and her family.

***If anyone is housebound or in hospital or in a nursing home please let Fr Jimmy know if they would like a visit***

**Cemetery Mass:** The annual cemetery Mass will be celebrated on the evening of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July @ 7:30pm. Please let family and friends know.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Please take a leaflet and 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.

**Amoris:** Let's talk family! Let's be family!: You are cordially invited to an exciting and interactive journey of reflection on love, marriage and family which will run locally in every diocese in Ireland in September 2017 and is also available online. Visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris)

**Volunteer Now:** Would you or could you volunteer to help when Pope Francis visits our country from 21 – 26 August 2018 for the World Meeting of Families. Information leaflet available as you leave the church or lookup [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)

**Our Lady of Fatima Centenary Celebrations:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917 – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – To celebrate the centenary the Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each month from May until October @ 6pm. The Pilgrim Statue of Our lady of Fatima is available to visit your home for these few months. If you would like to host the statue in your home for a week please put your name address and contact details on the sheet as you leave the church.

**Social Farm Plans:** Plans for the Social Farm will be available for viewing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Viewing will take place in the former Art Room, [old Secondary School near the farm yard]. All are welcome.

**Lough Derg 2017:** You may begin the 3 Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> August. Advance booking is not necessary. There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Call Maureen or Lorraine on (071) 9851518, email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Doon Historical Society:** The Annual Summer Outing will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> August this year and the destination is Kilkenny. Save the date / more information to follow.

**Doon Tidy Towns:** Adjudication takes place during the coming weeks, so please make a special effort to keep your area looking good.

**Doon GAA: Lotto:** Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> July. no's drawn 4-12-24-26, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €2,200. **Fixtures & Results:** will be sent out by text – for weekday and weekend fixtures each week, text your name to 087 7818652 if you would like to receive same.

**PLEASE NOTE: Notes for Newsletter** - To guarantee inclusion in newsletter, notes to be emailed or dropped to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday Evening.

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