



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 16th June 2019

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Dear Parishioner,

A mystery to me 'It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.' This expression, originally used in 1939 by Winston Churchill, is typically used to describe something that is immensely puzzling or too complex to understand. The word 'mystery' is often used in everyday speech. When we can't wrap our heads around something, we shrug and say: 'It's a mystery to me,' or: 'It's another of life's great mysteries.' It is this last mystery that we celebrate today. One of the most poignant attempts to explain the Trinity came from C.S. Lewis, who reasoned that if God is love, then God must contain more than one person: 'God is not a static thing – not even a person – but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.' The idea of the Trinity as a sort of divine dance is a good place to begin reflecting on this great mystery of God as a communion of love. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. He does not reveal everything to his disciples at once, as it 'would be too much for you now.' The full truth will be revealed later, when the Spirit comes. The more we reflect, the more we pray, the more we are open to the Spirit, the more we will understand about the great mystery of God as love.

Mass Times this week: Wednesday Morning 9.30. No Mass Monday Tuesday or Friday.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 22nd & 23rd June:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Peggy Sweeney	Mai O'Dwyer/Cáit McMahon
9:30am Damien Richardson	John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
11am John O'Brien	Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney
Anniversaries: 15th & 16th June:	22nd & 23rd June:
6:30pm Jerry O'Connell, Chicago & Gurtavalla 2 nd	Joan Nolan, Church Street 4 th
Jimmy Griffin & his parents Bridget and Joseph & his brothers Joe, Bill, Mick & Tom	Michael Hennessey, Glasha Talann 10 th
Sr Maria Goretti O'Malley, Missionary	
Franciscan Sister formerly Glengar	
<i>Months Mind</i>	
9:30am Sr Mary Annunciata Nevin	Richard Martin, Bank Place 1 st
11am Jim Ryan, Gurtavalla	Bridie & Dan Hayes, Toomaline & their grandchildren Edward, Emma & Patrick
Paddy Keogh, Clonlusk	

Doon & District Men's Shed: every Monday night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome.

Radio Marina Ireland: now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210

Mass Cards available in the Sacristy.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: The month of June and July are the times of adjudication for the National Tidy Towns Competition. Volunteers are now required for jobs such as weeding, tending to flowers,

watering, litter picking painting etc. If you can spare an hour please contact 086 8421747 with a view to getting involved in this community project.

Doon Community Council: There will be a presentation made to Dr John O'Brien and clinic secretary Helena Ryan @ 6:30 pm Mass in the parish church on Saturday 22nd June, as a token of appreciation for their service to the people of Doon. It will be followed by light refreshments in the hall. All welcome. To book the hall, astro-turf pitch, any of the facilities or our birthday party package please contact 085 1443470. Marquee hire also available. Office back open all day Monday & Tuesday and half day Wednesday.

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 5-13-14-24 no winner. Next week's jackpot €8,200. Draw will be held in Kelly's Bar.

Cashel & Emly Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The pilgrimage takes place from 15th - 20th of June. The Lourdes website is <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/> if you wish to follow some pilgrimage events on line. Torch Light Procession Sunday 17th @ 8pm. Eucharistic Procession Monday @ 4pm and Grotto Mass Tuesday @ 8.45am.

Doon Social Farm Open Day: This Tuesday June 18th 2-4pm. Come meet the team and find out about the services we provide and the products that we will be selling. Please kindly let us know if you are attending by email anja.stenberg@ballyhouraruralservices.org or call Anja on 061 380808.

The Legion of Mary: is a worldwide Catholic organisation that affords its members the opportunity to improve their own Christian lives and to work for others. The Legion branch here in Doon needs new members. Meetings are held very Tuesday evening @ 8.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. If you are over 18 and interested, come along to a meeting and see for yourself. It might well change your life.

Safe Guarding: Safeguarding Policy in the Archdiocese and in the Parish: A concise policy leaflet is available in the church and on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Jane Hayes and Breda Purcell. Please take the safeguarding newsletter which is available at church exits.

Visitation of the Sick in Hospitals & Nursing Homes: Hospitals and Nursing Homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents. This is due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). 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.

Down Syndrome Annual Church Gate Collection:(Limerick branch) will take place next week end 22nd/23rd June. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Bereavement Information Evening: Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick on Thursday 20th June 2019 from 7 – 9.00pm. Milford Care Centre and Anam Cara, the national organisation that provides support services to bereaved parents and families This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges their family may face after the death of a son or daughter. Please note this event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death. If you have attended a previous Bereavement Information Evening, we would encourage you to come again because each time you will hear something that will help you along the difficult and challenging journey of grief. There will also be time after the talk to interact with other bereaved parents. This information evening is provided free of charge to parents.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend to be dropped to Fr Jimmy or emailed to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net