



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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**Dear Parishioner,** 'There is one among you whom you do not know'. We can know about Jesus but do we know him? What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did? John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you of the good news that God loves you – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have you borne that witness?

John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been able to be yourself, even in the face of criticism from others? John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday's collection was €975-many thanks for your generosity

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
<b>6:30pm</b> Paud Sweeney	Paud Sweeney/Denise Buckley
Servers: Oran Ryan, Ciara O'Grady, Ciaran Hynes, Lauren & Grainne Ryan	
<b>9:30am</b> Pakie O'Brien	Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan
<b>11am</b> Orla Kennedy	John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton
Servers: Shauna & Caimin Lynch, Niall Riordan, Eamon & Pdraig Richardson	

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
<b>6:30pm</b> Chloe Byrne	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
Servers: Eadoin & Pdraig Crowe, Dylan Byrne, Conor Kenny, Cian Hanrahan, Caroline Hayes	
<b>9:30am</b> Orla Treacy	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
<b>11am</b> Roisin Crowe	Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney
Servers: Ciaran Whelan, Aidan Moloney, Izzy O'Connor, Sarah O'Dea, Naoise Ryan	

**Anniversaries: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

6:30pm	Andy & Nora Mai Murphy, Lacka
9:30am	Tommy & Eileen Bray & deceased members of the Bray family, Kylegarraiffe, Cappamore.
11am	Mass for the people of The Parish.

**23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

Fr. Tom Ryan, former PP
Patrick Kennedy-10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. & his wife Ellen-36 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., St. Fintan's Terrace.
John Ryan (Frank), Gurtavalla.
Mary & Jimmy Ryan, Cooga & their recently Deceased daughter Agnes Bermingham.

**Baptism:** We welcome to our Christian community Cathal Jake O' Brien who was baptised last weekend. Congratulations to his parents Patrick and Christine and the extended family.

**Envelopes for next year:** will be available from Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> of Dec. for distribution.

**Dates:** Primary School Confessions-Mon. 18<sup>th</sup>@ 12 noon. Parish Confessions Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm. Doon CBS Nativity Play-Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm. Christmas Eve Mass Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30pm. Christmas Day Masses 9:30am & 11am. Confirmation Day- Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> April. First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Please bring the child Jesus figure from your cribs at home to Mass on the **Third Sunday** of Advent and these will be blessed during the liturgy.

**Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa:** will hold their **Christmas Fair** in the School today - Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 2-5pm. The fair will be opened by our special guest John "The Bull" Hayes. There will be 35 stalls with a variety of arts, crafts & locally produced goods, a visit from Santa Claus, fun activities & the turning on of the Christmas lights. All are welcome.

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

**Doon Study Hub:** Open every Tue., Wed., and Thur. For times & prices please see our Facebook page or contact s via email [doonstudyhub@gmail.com](mailto:doonstudyhub@gmail.com). We are also open every Sat. 10am to 2pm.

**Doon Community Council:** Senior Citizens Christmas Party takes place today Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.

**Doon CBS:** the boys will be carol singing before all Masses this weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Dec. All proceeds will go to the Doon Lourdes Fund, many thanks for all your support.

**Rosary for life & Protection:** of the unborn will take place on Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 5pm & on Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 6pm before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

**Gift Vouchers:** now available for pilgrimage to Medjugorje on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2018. If interested contact John O'Brien (086) 8586304.

**Bleisce:** Doon Parish Journal will be on sale this weekend at Spar, The Butchers & The Pharmacy. It is also available in Oola & Cappamore. Thanks to all who helped in anyway with its publication.

**The SVP Collection:** last weekend amounted to €1,011. Many thanks to you for your generous & kind response. Our mobile number is(087) 1459024.

**Church Cleaning Committee:** will be meeting on Thur. 21<sup>st</sup> to get ready for Christmas. Any help would be very much appreciated.

**Doon Community Council:** would like to thank all involved in hosting the annual senior citizens Christmas Party: to Fr. Donnelly, the choir, readers, caterers, organisations who made contributions, sponsors of prizes & all who helped in any way. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. We will host the play 'Murder Inn' on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2018-more details later. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

**Wren walk for Chernobyl:** takes place on St Stephen's Day from the Pastoral Centre at 1pm through Kilmoylan Woods. Refreshments served afterwards. Your support as always is greatly appreciated & all monies raised will go directly to our "Home of Hope"

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 11-12-17-26, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €2,400.