



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 17th February 2019

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Dear Parishioner, What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content? But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised. Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society. Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include: Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers : 23rd/24th Feb:

Readers:		Eucharistic Ministers:	
6:30pm	Mary Claire Hayes		Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
Servers	Tommy & Michael Ryan, Padraig & Diarmuid Crowe		
9:30am	Mary Lysaght		Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan
11am	Margaret Ryan		John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton
Servers	Darren Kennedy, Paddy Ryan, Cathal Sweeney, Niall Riordan		
Anniversaries: 16 th /17 th Feb.:		23 rd /24 th Feb.:	
6:30pm	Mary & Jimmy Buckley Bakers, Main St. Sean Ryan, Doon South-9 th Anniv. Ned Quigley, Reenavanna. Nom Ryan, Carrigmore.		Jerry & Catherine Hourigan, Ballycushowen. Brigid, Con & Mick Hayes, Lisowen. Tomás Maher, Gurtavalla-28 th Anniv. & his Dad Tommy Maher-Month Mind.
9:30am	For the people of the Parish.		For the people of the Parish.
11am	Simon Ryan, Cliggin.		Sally Maher, Gurtavalla.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridie Bradshaw, Glengar whose funeral took place during the week. Our sympathy to the bereaved. May she rest in peace.

No Mass: on Mon. 11th Feb. Mass as usual on Tue., Wed. & Fri.

Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 1-3-4-21, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €4,800. **Ireland Lights Up:** continues every Thur. between 7-9pm until Thur. 21st Feb. All welcome. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection continues, any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Doon CBS Primary School: We are delighted to be part of #AldiPlayRugby & need parents help. For every €30 spent in-store you will receive a token. Please send these into The CBS. We will receive PE equipment for our school, we could also win a training session with Paul O'Connell! @Aldi_Ireland. The school is now enrolling boys to 2nd class in Sept. 2019. Application forms are available from the school, phone (061) 380239. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate & PPS No. with you.

Radio Maria Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: Weekly classes as follows: Kettlebells-Mon. @ 9:30am & Wed. @7:30pm. Star Stage School Children's Drama-Wed. @ 4pm. Yoga-Thur. @ 7:30pm, Pilates-Thur. @ 9:30am, pay as you go. New members welcome to join. Halls, meeting rooms & astro turf available for rent. Birthday party package available also. Contact (085) 1443470 for bookings,

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Sept. 4th-11th, half board accommodation €675 for bookings received before 1st Feb. Further details contact John O'Brien 086-8586304.

Doon Historical Society: Peter O'Grady will give a talk on Mon. 18th Feb. in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm on "The Ballycohey Ambush & its part in the downfall of Landlordism". All are welcome.

Milford Care Centre Bereavement Support: Information Evening Tue. 26th Feb. @ 7pm to provide information on normal grief & the support services offered by Milford Care Centre. **Anam Cara & Milford Care Centre Bereavement Information Evening:** Thur. 28th Feb. @ 7pm.

The Cashel & Emly Lourdes Fundraising Committee Grand Draw: will take place on Fri. 1st March. All monies raised help with the high running costs of the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes & also helps subsidise the Assisted Pilgrims & Helpers fare for travelling to Lourdes. The tickets cost €20 & are available from Fr Jimmy. Support greatly appreciated.

Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly: 49th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019, from 15th-20th June. 5 nights fully inclusive price €745. Booking forms are available in the sacristy or from Joe Walsh Tours at www.joewalshstours.ie or by telephone 01 2410811. **For the assisted/sick pilgrim section** please contact Fr. Joe Tynan, Parochial House Kiltelly Co Limerick 061 384213. Anyone who is interested in becoming a helper to assisted pilgrims please contact Fr. Jimmy.

The Sacred Heart Messenger: Ireland's biggest selling Religious Magazine for over 130 years have a free book "Sharing The Wisdom of Time" for all new subscribers. Complete & return forms which are available at church exits or call 01 7758524. 1 yr €30, 2 yr €54, 3 yr €72. See poster for details.

Doon Social Farm: is looking for participants for the first program which is starting on 24th Feb. until 31st May (7 hrs per week for 14 weeks). The project is a safe & supportive environment for young people aged between 16–25 years old who are from the area & surrounding areas. For more information please contact Jackie on [083 1140 301](tel:0831140301).

Doon Community Council with Ballyhoura development: are preparing a new socio-economic plan for the area of Doon. Community groups & interested individuals (young and old) are invited to take part in a series of planned workshops between Feb. & May. There will be a community meeting in Doon Community Centre on 28th Feb @ 8pm.