



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

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Dear Parishioner, St Patrick: Happy St Patrick's Day! – a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us. Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted. You might recall the people in your own life who nourished your faith and who guided you along your spiritual path. 'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate).

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

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6:30pm Donal Ryan	Bridie Stapleton/Marie Ryan
Servers Sheana & James Buckley, Lauren & Grainne Ryan	
9:30am Orla Treacy	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am Kay Ryan	Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney
Servers Padraig & Eamon Richardson, Caoimhe Murphy, Orla Hayes	

Anniversaries: 16th/17th Mar.:

6:30pm Josephine Buckley & her sons Bill, Jack & Chris, Glengar.	23 rd /24 th Mar.:
Tom & Kitty Hogan & grandson Thomas.	Mike Crowe, Cooga.
Paddy O'Donnell-Anniv.	John Slattery, Cooga.
9:30am Margaret Richardson & Ned O'Flynn, Cliggin.	Jim Maher, Coolanmona.
11am Paddy & Mary O'Dwyer, Croughmorka.	Bridie Bradshaw, Glengar-Months Mind.
Thady Mackey, Gurtavalla.	John Joe & Josie Keogh & daughter Mary.
	Jimmy Horan.
	Tom Lenihan, Cooga.
	Joe Berkery, Kilmoylan.

No Mass: on Monday morning of next week.

Recently Deceased: we pray for Johnny Tierney, formerly Clonlusk who died in Surry, England during the week.

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

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 5-17-25-28, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €5.600. Cash for Clobber: annual clothes collection continues, any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, all support would be greatly appreciated. Club Membership: is now online. Please note that membership will close on 31st March. Ticket/draws for inter county matches will be restricted to paid up members. **Positive Ageing:** Seminar at the Woodlands Hotel Adare on Wed. 20th March 7pm-9pm, organised by Limerick GAA Health & Well Being Committee in conjunction with

TILDA. Adm. is free and open to GAA/non GAA people. The night will have information on lots of interesting facts, Cupan Tae, Music & Liam McCarthy Cup.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: are holding their annual monster table quiz in all five pubs, in Doon, on Fri. 29th March, starting at 9:30pm. Table of 4, €20 per table. Raffle & spot prizes on the night.

Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly: 49th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 15th-20th June. Booking forms available in the sacristy or 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 Kiltely Co Limerick 061 384213. Anyone who is interested in becoming a helper to assisted pilgrims please contact Fr. Jimmy.

The Cashel & Emly Lourdes Fundraising Committee: Grand Draw has been deferred to Thur. 21st March. All monies raised help with the high running costs of the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and also helps subsidise the Assisted Pilgrims & Helpers fare for travelling to Lourdes. The tickets cost €20 & are available from Fr. Jimmy. Support greatly appreciated.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wed. from 10am until 9pm in our Parish Church. Presently we need someone to cover the hour 7-8pm. If you can come & keep Jesus company at this time, then please contact any of the Adoration team; John O'Brien at (086) 8586304, Mary MacCleod (087) 1767465 or Marcia Mooney (086) 4038420. Thank you.

Lent at Glenstal: 3rd Sun.-24th Mar.: A People Conceived. 4th Sun.-31st Mar.: A People Delivered. 5th Sun.-7th Apr.: A People Journeying. 6th Sun.-Psalm Sun. 14th Apr.: A People Restored. Monastery Library @ 4:30pm.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: Assembly day St Patrick's College Thurles Sat 30th March 2019. 10.00 am - 1pm. All are welcome. The time involves Rosary, Adoration, Mass. Celebrant Rev Fr John Keane C.C. Macroom.

Trócaire Lent 2019 'land rights in the developing world: The campaign focuses upon three stories of children who are displaced from their homes - in Guatemala, Uganda & Lebanon - as a result of eviction triggered through vested interest & aggressive economics, lack of rights to land for widows specifically, the ongoing war in Syria and the need to flee for safety. You are asked to have a look at the materials in the box pack. They are very simply presented this year. A small amount of time with the envelope & its contents will give you an easy summary of the 2019 campaign. Besides the box & an introductory letter, there is also an information leaflet that gives more details about the individual stories of the three children's stories highlighted. This leaflet also has a 'Calendar for Lent', which will be of interest to parishioners looking for a daily charter for personal reflection and action from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Rearcross Drama Group: present "It's the Real McCoy"-a 3 act comedy, on Fri. 22nd, Sat. 23rd, Sun. 24th, Fri. 29th, Sat. 30th & Sun. 31st March @ 8:30pm in Rearcross Community Hall.

Doon Historical Society: Michael Ryan, Solohead will give a talk on Mon. 25th Mar. in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm on "The Soloheadbeg Ambush—the 12 participants & it's after effects." All are welcome.

Study Hub: open weekly Tue. 4pm to 8pm, Wed. & Thur. 3.30pm to 7.30pm, Sat. 9.30am to 1.30pm Limited places available. Phone 087 1300103 or check out our Facebook Page.

Darkness Into Light 5 km: walk takes place nationwide on Sat. May 11th@ 4:15am. Murroe Village is a venue in East Limerick, we would love to see you walk in Murroe. Register at www.darknessintolight.ie

Daffodil Day: Daffodils will be on sale on the street on Fri. 22nd Mar. & your support is greatly appreciated.