



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

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Dear Parishioner,

We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited, having seen how magnificent the Temple is, but the time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings.' These things do not last. At some point, we have all seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is asking people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 23rd & 24th Nov:

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6:30pm Niamh Kelly	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
9:30am Pakie O'Brien	Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan
11am Aisling McNamara	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Anniversaries: 16th & 17th Nov: 23rd & 24th Nov:

6:30pm Eamon O'Donovan, Main St Fintan Ryan, Toomaline	For the Holy Souls
9:30am For the Holy Souls	James & Mary O'Brien, Carrigbeg
11am Mary & Martin Slattery & their Son Michael, Gurtavalla	Malachy & Mary Clancy, Cooga & their children Teresa, Sean & David & Uncle Ned Hayes Darragh O'Brien, Cooga

RECENTLY DECEASED: We are asked to pray for Kathleen Ash nee Ryan Smith, late of Cooga Doon who died recently in England. Requiem Mass for Kathleen here on Tuesday 19th of November @ 2pm followed by internment of ashes in Doon Cemetery. Our sympathy to the bereaved.

ROSARY: will be recited in graveyard at 3pm on Sundays for the month of November

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: to Denise Kennedy Gurtavalla who married Brendan Doyle in Ballina Church on Friday 15th November. We wish the couple all God's blessings in their lives as husband and wife.

DOON & DISTRICT MENS SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm. New members most welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: New people are always welcome as many hands make light work. Thanks to the group for keeping the Church so clean for all of us.

ADORATION GROUP: people needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. if you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

TEAMHOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Thanks to all who gave a shoebox and donated to have on filled. Last day for receiving boxes is this Wednesday 20th Nov. Truck loading on Thursday night from 8pm and help with this would be greatly appreciated. Any queries call Norah on 087 9384583

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Confirmation is Tuesday 31st March 2020. First Holy Communion is Sunday 3rd May 2020. As a community of faith, we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events in their faith journey.

MEETING: for Parents of Children making 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation on Monday 18th November @ 7:30pm in the Convent Primary School.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Annual Church gate collection takes place after all Masses this weekend. Support appreciated. Senior Citizens Christmas Party is set for Sunday 8th Dec beginning with Mass @1pm followed by a meal and entertainment. Please collect an invite from any of the village shops if you wish to attend. Invites to be returned to the shops by Wednesday 4th December. To book hall, pitch or meeting rooms call 085 1443470. Birthday party & bouncy castle package also available.

THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE: will take place in the Firgrove Hotel, in Mitchelstown, Co Cork on Saturday 23rd November @ 9.30am. There is a great line up of speakers: Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, James Mahon, Fr. Colm Mannion OP, Fr. Marius O Reilly, Kathy Sinnott, Méabh Carlin. Confessions and Mass will be part of this wonderful day. This is a Donation only event.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa, Doon, will host their annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 15th December 2019. Stalls available at a cost of €10. Please contact 061-380388 if you would like to reserve a stall.

MOOREHAVEN CENTRE: Fundraising Dance in Cappawhite Resource Centre on Saturday 23rd of November. Admission €10.00. Music by Michael Collins. Dancing 9-12. Prizes on door ticket.

DOON YOUTH CLUB: Every Wednesday in the Community Centre from 7 to 8pm. Registration for 10 years of age, 5th, 6th class & 1st years on the night. €10 to register and €2 thereafter.

DOON BADMINTON CLUB: every Monday in Doon Community Centre from 7 to 10pm and Thursday from 7.30 to 10.30pm, at €5 per person. Over 16's. New members welcome.

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 11-18-22-29 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €5,000

SUM OF MONEY FOUND: A sum of money was found on the steps of the church on the morning of the 3rd of November. The owner can collect it from the sacristy.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net