

**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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Dear Parishioner, "Operation Transformation"-The first Sunday of Lent – I love Lent, it's a great season where we can get in 'transformation' mode. Regardless of whether or not someone is still 'practicing' their faith, people still seem to get on board with Lent. We usually give something up, but remember it's not simply about weight loss or getting fit. By doing these things we are trying to make room for something deeper. It's a spring cleaning sort of time. What needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God? Or often do we need to make more room for what God has planned for us? We can get stuck, especially when we are comfortable and don't really want too much to change. But without change we can't grow and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. So Lent might be a time where in giving up something or taking on something, we make space for something new. The gospel today is short and sweet – Jesus is sent into the desert and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space and we should not be afraid because as the gospel tells us clearly today, it is a Spirit led desert. God is with us in this desert. So enjoy Lent, embrace it. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday's collection was €855-many thanks for your generosity**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Feb:**

| <b>Readers:</b>  | <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>   |
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| <b>6:30pm</b> Niamh Kelly & Sarah Collins                                | Paud Sweeney/Denise Buckley   |
| Servers: Oran Ryan, Ciara O'Grady, Ciaran Hynes, Lauren & Grainne Ryan   |   |
| <b>9:30am</b> Donie Anderson   | John Hayes/Bridget Duggan   |
| <b>11am</b> Aisling McNamara   | Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney  |
| Servers: Shauna & Caimin Lynch, Niall Riordan, Eamon & Pdraig Richardson |   |
| <b>Anniversaries: 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>               | <b>24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>                             |
| 6:30pm Sean Ryan, Doon South-8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.                      | Bridget, Con & Mike Hayes, Lisowen.                                     |
| Paddy McLoughlin, Coolbane & Glasha Talann                               | Jerry Hourigan, Ballycushown-Months Mind (funeral took place in London) |
| Mary & Jimmy Buckley, Main Street.                                       |   |
| 9:30am Nonie & Dinny Duggan & Joan & Brian Mass for people of the Parish |   |
| Mahon, Croughmorka.  |   |
| 11am Simon Ryan, Cliggin.  | Sally Maher, Gurtavalla.  |
| Michael & Teresa Kelly, Lacka.   | John Quigley, Lacka.  |

**Obituaries:** Pat-Joe Stapleton, Laha, Castleiney (father of Eddie Stapleton, Kilmoylan) who was laid to rest on Tue. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. May he rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.**Congratulations:** to Teresa Kennedy & John Fyfe who were married here on Friday. We wish the couple all God's blessings and happiness in their marriage.**Dates:** Confirmation Day- Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> April. First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May.**Doon ICA:** invites all ladies to join Gym class at Joey's Fitness Facility on Tue. night's @ 8pm. All welcome, this class is not confined to ICA members.**Men's Shed:** continue to meet every Tue. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All are welcome.**Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. Booking forms available in the sacristy. Flight from Shannon to Lourdes & full board for 5 nights. Cost €715 per person. Assisted pilgrim section contact Fr. Joe Tynan PP Killeely on (061) 384213 after the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.**Date for your Diary:** Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima rosary rally for the protection of little babies in the womb at 6 O'clock, rosary continues ever Sun. @ 10:40am before Mass.**Doon CBS Primary School:** The school is now accepting applications for the 2018/2019 school year. Application forms are available from the school. **Cash for Clobber:** Bags of clothes, shoes etc can be left in the school shed, until the end of Feb.**Operation Transformation & Doon GAA:** Reminder again, this Mon. night the GAA field will be lit up from 7-9pm for "Ireland lights up with the GAA". Everybody welcome again this week. New comers are encouraged to come along and enjoy the atmosphere. Please remember to sign in the clubhouse.**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 2-7-17-26, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €4,200. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell. Applications for the scholarships to attend an Irish Summer Course at one of the Munster Gaeltacht Colleges 2018 are now open. Second - level students only. Applicable Colleges: Ciarraí (Coláiste Chorca Dhuibhne), Corcaigh (Coláiste na Mumhan, Béal Átha an Ghaorthaigh), Port Láirge (Coláiste na Roinne, An Roinn). Please note: No other colleges are covered. First-time applicants will receive priority. Former scholarship benefactors will be considered in turn. Please contact James McPartland before Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Feb.**Doon Community Council:** are holding their annual monster table quiz in all 5 pubs, in Doon, on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Mar., starting at 9:30pm. Table of 4-€20. Raffle & spot prizes on the night. **Doon youth club:** will be starting Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. @ 6:15pm, in the community centre, for children over 10 years of age. €5 registration and €2 per week thereafter. We are short of adult volunteers (over 18's) and youth leaders (over 16's), which we need to supervise the running of the club. If you are interested in volunteering or have any queries on the youth club, please contact mike at (087) 6764345 or Siobhan at (086) 8460911.**James Kilbane in Concert:** Hymns & songs of faith: celebrating the World Meeting of Families 2018, will take place on Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar.-SS Joseph & Brigid's Church, Bóthar na Naomh, Thurles. Doors open at 7pm. Concert at 8pm. Donation Ticket: €20 now available in the Parish Office.**Meeting for returned Lay Missionaries & Volunteers:** The next meeting will take place on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. @ 7pm in Archbishop's House, Thurles. All are welcome. For more info email: [jim.farrell@amri.ie](mailto:jim.farrell@amri.ie) or phone 083-8422468 to confirm attendance.**Dun Bleisce Historical Society:** will hold a talk on Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. in the Fr. McGrath Hall at 8pm. The talk, "For the record - 40 years of local journalism" will be given by Patricia Feehily, former journalist and currently columnist with the Limerick Leader. All welcome.**Tineteriffe National School, Parent's Council:** are holding a fundraiser on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March in Hayes' Bar, Cappamore to raise money for drainage works on the school pitch. Raffle in aid of school pitch development. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Calved Dairy heifer or Yearling Beef Heifer or €1,000 Cash. We also have 3 other top prizes, all-Ireland final hurling tickets 2018, 4 ball round of golf at Ballykisteon, & afternoon tea for two in Adare Manor. Tickets cost €10 or 3 for €25. Contact Andrew on 085-1741293 or Denis on 086-6019233.