



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

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Dear Parishioner, Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's gospel some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether. But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading, that in the words of the Pharisees, 'the world has gone after him'. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it crystal clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including those Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent, and soon into Holy Week, let us listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for all. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Are our churches, parishes, communities and homes open to all, outsiders included? Are they places of welcome and inclusion, where all who enter experience God's love?

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday's collection was €1,065-many thanks for your generosity

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

	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
<b>6:30pm</b>	Mary Hayes	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
Servers:	Oran Ryan, Ciara O'Grady, Ciaran Hynes, Lauren & Grainne Ryan	
<b>9:30am</b>	Damian Richardson	Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan
<b>11am</b>	Anita Sweeney	Marion Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer
Servers:	Shauna & Caimin Lynch, Niall Riordan, Eamon & Padraig Richardson	

	<b>Anniversaries: 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>
6:30pm	Mary & Jimmy Ryan & their daughter Agnes Birmingham. Michael & Mary Shanahan, Foilacleara Joe & Mai Favier, Kerry-Anniv.	Michael Crowe, Cooga. Eileen McLoughlin, Hillview Grove-3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv. Jim Maher, Coolnamona.
9:30am	John Slattery, Cooga. Timmy & Bridie Whelan, Lacknagoneeny.	John Joe & Josie Keogh, Cooga & their Daughter Mary.
11am	Thady Mackey, Gurtavalla Fr. John McGrath, former Parish Priest.	Tom Lenihan, Cooga. Joe Berkery, Kilmoylan.

**Obituaries:** Timothy Nihill, Oola who was buried on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Mar. May he rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

**Masses for the coming week:** No Mass Bank Holiday Mon, There will be Mass Tue., Wed. & Fri. @ 9:30am.

**Wedding:** congratulations to Conán Fiachra McCormack, Liscaugh who married Bernadette Deady, Bruree in Bruree on Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March. We wish them blessings & happiness in their marriage.

**Dates:** Confirmation Day- Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> April. First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Men's Shed:** continue to meet every Mon. 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 Kiltely on (061) 384213.

**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 Community Council:** Thanks to everyone who supported our Annual Monster Table Quiz: to Martin Allen for providing questions, to those who sponsored spot prizes, to our MCs, the red Cross for the use of their facilities, the 5 pubs, the committee members & to all who helped in any way. **Youth Club:** continues every Wed. @ 6:15pm, in the community centre, for children over 10 years of age. €5 registration and €2 per week thereafter.

**World Meeting of Families:** please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) for full details of the WMOF Congress at the RDS in Dublin Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Michael's Day Care Centre:** are holding a fundraising concert on Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. @ 8pm sharp in Cappamore Community Centre, featuring Brendan Shine & supporting acts. Tickets available from Daycare Centre or Norah Collins (087) 9384583, ticket cost €20.

**Doon CBS:** The Parents Council are holding a primary schools inter-school table quiz in Doon Community Centre on Thur. 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7:30.p.m. - details from the school - phone: 061 380239. The school is now accepting applications for the next school year 2018/2019.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 9-16-22-24, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,000. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell. **Limerick GAA Draw:** 1st Draw takes place 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. & on the last Saturday of every month. We will again be taking part as 50% of all funds return to club. For Brochure or more information contact local Coordinator Donal Anderson on 086-8421747. **Doon Club Gear:** check out the latest 2018 club gear on O'Neill's website <https://www.oneills.com/>. **Date for your Diary:** Doon GAA will hold its Annual fundraiser on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. More details to follow please keep this date free. Doon GAA are currently seeking a sponsor for various areas of the club, if interested please contact any club officer.

**Cappamore Library Centre:** Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> from 10.45am – 12pm. Celebrating Lifelong Digital Learning in our Community. Do you own a digital device (iPhone, iPad, Tablet, Smart Phone) and are unsure how to use it? This is a free event but registration is essential. To register contact Ballyhoura Cappamore 387040.

**Rearcross Drama Group:** will perform their much anticipated fast paced farcical comedy "RUN FOR YOUR WIFE" by Ray Cooney, at 8.30pm in Rearcross Hall on Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. If you're looking for a great nights entertainment, full of laughter, this play is a must.

**Accord Thurles:** are recruiting people to train as a Marriage Education Facilitator. Interested parties are invited to join our 'Certificate in Marriage Education' information evening on Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Mar. @ 8pm in Accord House, Cathedral Street, Thurles. To register contact us at [accordtippthurles@eircom.net](mailto:accordtippthurles@eircom.net) or (0504) 22279.

**Chernobyl Children International Mulkear Outreach Group:** Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March. Your support greatly appreciated.

**Dun Bleisce Historical Society:** will hold a talk on Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Mar. in the Fr. McGrath Hall at 8pm. The talk "The Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage" will be given by Fr. Jimmy Donnelly PP". All welcome.

**Doon Tidy Towns:** The Limerick Clean Up sponsored by JP McManus takes place on Good Friday -30<sup>th</sup> Mar. Members of Doon Tidy Towns, Doon GAA & Doon Camogie Club will be taking part, all will assemble at the Church Gate at 10am, pickers, gloves & vests will be supplied. We hope for a big turnout in this county wide event & all are welcome

**Slieve Felim Energy Communities:** an information meeting will be held in Cappamore Community Centre on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. @ 8pm. This meeting will explain about 2018 SEAI home upgrade grants scheme.

**Daffodil Day:** Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar, in aid of The Irish Cancer Society. Your support would be appreciated.

**Rosary for the protection of the unborn:** Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. on the Solemnity of St. Joseph foster father of Jesus at 6 o'clock in the church and rosary continues every Sunday at 10.40 before 11.00am Mass.

**Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday morning:** April 1<sup>st</sup> in the cemetery. Time published closer to the event.

**Anam Cara Tipperary:** an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on 19<sup>th</sup> March from 7:30pm-9pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. For more information see [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or call our Information Line on (085) 2888888.