

**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

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Dear Parishioner,

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to *look* at Jesus. He calls Jesus the '*lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the *lamb* as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions. When we look at the 'sins' of our world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, '*look*' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

**Readers:**

**6:30pm** Paud Sweeney

**9:30am** Mary Lysaght

**11am** Orla Kennedy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Paud Sweeney/Mary Ryan

Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod

Donal Ryan/Bridie Stapleton

**NEW ROTA: for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers is now being drawn up. If you wish to have your name removed or would like to join please contact Fr Jimmy ASAP.**

**Anniversaries 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

**6:30pm** Denis, Annie & Margaret Reale, Glengar Rita & Matt Ryan, Reenavanna

Brian Butler, Carrigbeg

Andy & Nora Mai Murphy, Lacka

John P Hayes, Main St

Betty Breen, Lisowen

**9:30am** Bridie Hewitt, Carnahalla

**11am** For the People of the Parish

**25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

John & Mary McGrath, Carrigmore &

Gurtavalla

Josephine & Patrick Murphy & Kathleen

Ryan

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Ryan, Gurtanagara whose funeral took place during the week. Sympathy to the bereaved.

**MASS CARDS:** Available in the sacristy

**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:** Adoration continues every Wednesday. People needed to fill the Wednesday 1-2pm time slot. If you can help please contact John on 086 8586304, Mary on 087 1767465, or Marcia on 086 4038420.

**DOON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED:** continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm

**ENVELOPE & PARISH CALENDAR 2020:** Your contributions to the weekly envelope collection and the basket goes some way towards maintaining the parish buildings and meeting targets set for the parish by the Diocesan

Finance Committee as well as paying the bills incurred in the everyday running of the parish. I sincerely thank those who contribute to the parish finances. If you have not received a box of envelopes and would like to contribute please contact Fr Jimmy.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT:** This weekend at 6.30 Mass we welcome the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class in our primary schools, their parent's guardians and teachers as they have their enrolment ceremony in preparation for their First Penance and First Holy Communion. Next weekend at 6.30 we welcome the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils their parent's guardians and teachers as they have their enrolment ceremony as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We keep them all in our prayers over the coming months. **Confirmation** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. **First Holy Communion** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

**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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** There will be a talk on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm by historian Micheal O'Sullivan from Hospital on the extraordinary life of Maurice Meade including his part in the Dromkeen Ambush.

**THE DOON FRIENDS OF LOURDES:** are very grateful to the teachers and pupils of Doon CBS primary school for their cheque of €860.

**DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Are currently recruiting new members. At the moment, we have 12 volunteers and we are looking to expand our committee. We would welcome new ideas from anyone that would like to get involved or help out in community work and event planning. If you would like to get involved, please contact 086 3954205

**STUDY HUB:** open every Tuesday from 4pm to 8pm and on Wednesday & Thursday from 3.30pm to 7.30pm. Saturday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Places available, all welcome.

**DOON CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Old clothes collection continues until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. Bags of Clothes can be left in school shed at any time. Thanks for your continued support.

**DOON GAA LOTTO:** no's drawn 8-18-29-30 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in GD's Bar with a jackpot of €6,800

**EAST LIMERICK RED CROSS:** will hold a registration and information evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan @ 7pm at our office on Main St, Doon for a First Aid Responder Course and for anyone interested in joining us as an ambulance driver. All welcome

**FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING:** @ Cappamore Library. Did you receive a new digital device recently – iPhone, iPad, Tablet, Smart Phone? Do you know how to use it? Would you like to know more? Would you like to be able to navigate your way around your device confidently? Learn how to: search websites, send and receive emails, use popular apps like Skype, WhatsApp, send and receive photos and be safe online. Ballyhoura Development is delivering 'bring your own device' Digital Skills training in Cappamore Library. This training aims to give people the confidence, motivation and skills to take their first steps online. Training is FREE and will be delivered in small groups of 8 to 10 people, over 5 x 2-hour sessions. We hope to begin our next training on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. To book a place please contact Cappamore Library on 061-381586 or email [cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie](mailto:cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie)

**Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm  
Wednesday Evening for inclusion the following weekend.**