



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 19th November 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neuron disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, **I Found My Tribe**, about her experiences. It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope. Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday's collection was €895-many thanks for your generosity

Cemetery Prayers: 3pm each Sunday for the month of November. Masses will be offered throughout the month for all the names on the November list. Envelopes are available as you leave the church.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 25th/26th Nov:

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6:30pm Mairead Maher	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
9:30am Damian Richardson	John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
11am Emma Kennedy	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer
Anniversaries: 18th/19th Nov:	25th/26th Nov:
6:30pm Eamon O'Donovan Main Street	Paddy Duggan, Cooga.
	Andy Quinlan, Glengar-10 th Anniv & Josephine Quinlan-1 st Anniv.
	John & Maura Hayes, Bank Place.
9:30am -	-
11am William & Bridget Lysaght	Malachy & Mary Clancy, Cooga & their Daughter Terese, sons Sean & David & Uncle Ned Hayes.

Obituaries: Sr. Magdalen (Eileen) Greene Sister of Mercy & late of Glengar Doon who died in Johannesburg South Africa on 3rd Nov. May she rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Baptism: We welcome to our Community Carla Joan France who was baptised last weekend. Congratulations to her parents Mandy & Mike and the extended family.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10pm. Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord! We are fully aware

that circumstances arise where people mightn't be able to attend, all you have to do is tell us & we will fill in for you. Even if you could act as a substitute when we could call on you from time to time that would be great. As St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said; "Spend as much time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His Power." You can contact any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee: John O'Brien 380614 or (086)8586304, Mary MacCleod: 380987 or (087)1767465 & Marcia Mooney 380382 or (086)4038420 with your chosen hour or time. Thank you.

Social Dancing Classes: every Wed. night in Doon Community Centre @ 8:30pm, all are welcome.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal: Final weekend to get your box ready. They can be dropped into Convent Primary School or to my house no later than Monday evening. Thanks to all who donated I am busy getting your boxes finished. Help appreciated at depot to check and sort boxes and for truck loading this Thursday Night. Contact Norah on (087) 9384583

Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa Christmas Fair: on Sun. 17th Dec. from 2-5pm. Anyone interested in exhibiting please contact the school office on (061) 380388. Cost per stand is €10.

Doon Study Hub: Open every Tue., Wed., and Thur. For times & prices please see our Facebook page or contact s via email doonstudyhub@gmail.com. We are also open every Sat. 10am to 2pm.

Bereavement Support Information Evening: will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tue 28th Nov. 2017 from 7pm-8.30pm. The bereavement information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. The evening is **Free**.

Bilboa NS Christmas Fair/Sale of Work: annual Christmas Fair on today Sun. 19th Nov. @ 2pm in the Community Centre, Cappamore.

Doon ICA invites all ladies to join Gym class at Joe's Fitness Facility on Wed. night's at 8pm - €5 per night until Christmas. All welcome. Not confined to ICA members.

Cappamore Historical Society: "Martin Luther & the Reformation" speaker Liam Irwin, will take place in LCFE(Cappamore Campus) on Wed. 22nd Nov. @ 7:30pm.

Doon Convent National School: Cleaner required, applications with references to be posted to the school: Doon Convent National School Main St., Doon by 1st Dec.

Fundraiser for the Catholic Church in Tanzania: will take place in the Limerick Strand Hotel on Wed. 29th Nov. @ 8pm. It will feature The Kings of Connaught, Denis Allen, Norman Morrissey, Marty Daniels & introducing Aoife Gallagher. Tickets €20, available at the door. Bus available €5 return, to book a seat, call (061) 388538.

Doon Community Council: will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection will take place this weekend after all Masses this weekend. **Progressive 45:** continues every Sun. @ 8pm. **Senior Citizens Christmas Party:** on Sun. 10th Dec. at 1pm. Invitations can be collected from Doon Pharmacy, Doon Post Office, Spar Doon, McNamara Hardware & the Butchers. Please return invitations to one of the premises by Mon. 4th Dec.

Dun Bleisce Historical Society: a talk will be held in Doon Community Centre on Mon. 27th Nov. at 8pm. The talk "Was there life before Mick Mackey (Limerick GAA History 1910-1925) will be given by Tom Toomey. All are welcome.

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 2-9-10-24, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €2,800 takes place in Kelly's Bar.