



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 20th January 2019

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Dear Parishioner, This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers : 26th/27th Jan:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Eoin Doyle	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
Servers Dylan Byrne, Cian Hanrahan, Eimear Clifford,	Caoimhe Ryan
9:30am Marie Duggan	John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
11am Mary Kate Ryan	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer
Servers Caimin Lynch, Ella Buckley, Isabelle Maher, Aoibheann Flint	

Anniversaries: 19th/20th Jan.:	26th/27th Jan.:
6:30pm Morgan & Kathy Crowe, Cooga.	Rita & Matt Ryan, Reenavanna.
Denis, Annie & Margaret Reale, Glengar.	Mary McGrath, Gurtavalla-6 th Anniv.
Bridie Hewitt, Carnahalla.	Betty Breen, Lisowen.
Josephine & Patrick Murphy & daughter	
Kathleen Ryan.	
9:30am Margaret & Michael Hayes, Lisowen.	For the people of the Parish.
11am Brian Butler, Carrigbeg & deceased members	John P. Hayes, Main Street.
of the Butler family.	

Obituaries: We pray for Tommy Maher, Gurtavalla who was laid to rest in Doon on Thur. 17th Jan. May he rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Masse this Week: NO Mass on Mon. 21st. Mass Tue., Wed. & Fri.

Collection last weekend: Amount collected on the weekend will no longer be published publicly for security reasons. If anyone would like to know the amount collected on a weekend feel free to ask Fr. Jimmy.

Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 7, 16, 23, 25, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €4,000. **Ireland Lights Up:** continues every Thur. between 7-9pm until Thur. 21st Feb. All welcome. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection will start on Thur. 24th Jan. Any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, etc. It's a great way to clear unwanted items for 2019, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Doon CBS Primary School: The Parents Association of Doon CBS Primary School will hold a cake sale at the Pastoral Centre on Sat. & Sun. 26th & 27th Jan. after all masses. Your support would be greatly appreciated. **Fri. 1st Feb.** @ 10am there will be Mass for Catholic Schools week in the Parish Church & all pupils & their grandparents are invited. **Wed. 6th Feb.:** Book Launch of 'We are Writers' @ 7:30pm. Special guest & past pupil Paul McNamara will launch our book, all welcome to attend this book launch. The boys put huge effort in putting the book together.

Radio Maria Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210. Join our growing listenership family for daily Holy Mass, Prayer, lively chat, music and testimonies, youth programmes & events – Good News from all corners of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019. Enrolment for First Holy Communion Sat. 26th Jan. @ 6:30pm Mass.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: Office services are not available in the community centre at present as Tús are not currently providing staff for this. We hope to resume office services as soon as possible. Weekly classes resuming as follows: Kettlebells-Mon. @ 9:30am & Wed. @ 7:30pm. Star Stage School Children's Drama-Wed. @ 4pm. Yoga-Thur. @ 7:30pm, Pilates-Thur. @ 9:30am, pay as you go. New members welcome to join. **Doon Youth Club:** resumes on Wed. 16th Jan. for 10 years old to 6th class, 7pm at the Community Centre. 1st years are back on the 23rd of Jan. Both groups will be every 2nd week. Doon Community Council AGM will take place on Wed. 6th Feb. @ 8:30pm in the community centre. Halls, meeting rooms & astro turf pitch are available for rent at any time. Birthday party package available also. Contact (085) 1443470 for further details & bookings.

Michael Clifford Fundraising Tractor Run: in aid of Tipperary Branch of Multiple Sclerosis on Sun. 27th Jan.–start at 12:30pm from Rearcross Village, registration in Kennedys Bar. Benefit night in Kennedys Lounge For more information contact John (086) 8897482 or John (087) 6708107

East Limerick Red Cross: AGM will be held on Mon. 21st Jan. in Doon Community Centre, all welcome to attend. We are holding an information meeting for anyone looking to try something new for 2019 and would like to invite you to come along to discuss joining the East Limerick Red Cross at the following venues: Mon. 4th Feb. @ 7:30 pm in Murroe GAA. Tue. 5th Feb @ 7:30pm in Millennium hall in Caherconlish & on Thur. 7th Feb. @ 7:30pm at Red Cross Office, 19 Main Street, Doon.

Doon Historical Society: Michael Hassett, Murroe will give a talk on Mon. 28th Jan. in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm on "The Armistice 1918-The Lead Up & Aftermath". All welcome.