



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

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Dear Parishioner,

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas. On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice. At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 26th & 27th Oct:

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6:30pm Nora Ryan	Mai O'Dwyer/Cáit McMahon
9:30am Damian Richardson	John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
11am Catherine Tierney	Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

Anniversaries: 19th & 20th Oct:

6:30pm For the people of the parish	26th & 27th Oct:
9:30am Mick Joe O' Dwyer Borrissoleigh	For the people of the parish
11am Johnny, Julia, and Johanna Anderson	Ned Power, Moanduff
	For the people of the parish

Friday 25th Oct @9:30 am Nora Treacy, Gurtavalla, Months Mind

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pray for Josephine (Jo) Ryan (N) (née Murphy) Shallee, Capparoo, Nenagh. Sister of Con Murphy Cooga whose funeral took place last weekend. Sympathy to the bereaved.

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

DOON & DISTRICT MENS SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm

"BLEISCE" DOON PARISH JOURNAL: In order to have the 28th issue of "Bleisce" on sale in early December we must have submissions (which may be subject to editing) by **October 25th**. Articles, tributes, club reports etc may be given to Donal Anderson, Fr Jimmy or Peggy Sweeney or emailed to doonparishjournal@hotmail.com. Old photos, special occasion photos, Santa and pet photos most welcome. **If emailing photos PLEASE send in JPEG Format and NOT as part of a text document.**

ADORATION GROUP: people needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. if you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

MISSION SUNDAY: It is World Mission Sunday, a day when our entire Church family comes together for a truly incredible celebration of solidarity. Today, every single Church around the world shares what they can, so that the vital work of the Church and our missionaries can continue. Through your extra generosity, you are offering much needed financial help to missionaries who dedicate their lives to those who are suffering and neglected. From all the missionaries your kindness supports, thank you for digging deeper today.

TEAMHOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Please pick up a leaflet as you leave if you would like to get involved in this year's appeal. Simply fill a shoebox with age appropriate gifts to include items to wash, wear, write and wow to be ready by Nov 15th. If you would like to give a donation instead of filling a box one will be filled on your behalf. Contact Norah on 087 9384583 for more details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: **November Remembrance Liturgy** for our departed loved ones Wednesday 6th November @ 7.30 PM. Both primary schools will participate in the Liturgy which is a Parish Event. November Souls Envelopes will be available from next weekend. **Confirmation** is Tuesday 31st March 2020. **First Holy Communion** is Sunday 3rd May

2020. As a community of faith we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events.

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.

DIOCESAN LISTENING PROCESS: follow-up: Please visit our Diocesan website at www.cashel-emly.ie to view ongoing developments arising from the Listening Process including details of upcoming Gatherings of Parishes in October to identify priorities for parishes in our diocese. I would encourage you to participate in the next meeting for our Parish of Doon on Wed 30th Oct @ 7.30pm – Murroe Parishes in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish.

OCTOBER IS SAFEGUARDING MONTH: Safeguarding seeks to be proactive & covers both children & vulnerable adults. Education & training are key in keeping the safeguarding message current & not allowing for compliancy. We have in place parental/guardian consent forms for all activities, code of conduct for both children & adults, sign in and out registers, Garda vetting for all adult helpers/leaders every 5 years.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Senior Citizens Christmas Party is set for Sunday 8th December. Invitations will be available shortly from local businesses. Thanks to all who donated scrap metal to the recent collection and thanks to those who helped with the collection of items. We will have all remaining scrap cleared from the yard in the coming days - apologies for any parking inconvenience. To book hall, pitch or meeting rooms call 085 1443470. Birthday party & bouncy castle package also available.

DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: New publication "History of the White Family". A new edition of John Davis White's family history edited by Margaret Franklin with a contribution by Dr. Shane Newport is on sale now in local shops and from Margaret (087 4152151) Price €20.

DOON CONVENT NS: are happy to have attained the Active Flag. We are one of 19 schools in Limerick to attain this flag in the academic year 2018/19. We will hold the flag status for 3 years. We are included in the 24% of schools in Limerick which hold the Active Schools Flag. This is a proud event in a competition that is very difficult and we would like to thank the children and parents of Doon Convent NS for all their support in achieving this flag. **Parents Council** are holding a fundraiser Halloween Children's Disco in the Fr McGrath hall on October 25th from 6.30-8.30 pm. Support appreciated.

SCOIL NA TRÍONÓIDE NAOFA: will hold its AGM on Wednesday next 23rd of October @ 7pm. A Drug Awareness Talk will follow this Meeting.

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 13-14-19-25 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €4,200.

ANAM CARA: Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 21st October @ 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888888.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net