



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 21<sup>st</sup> January 201**

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**Dear Parishioner,** Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday's collection was €1,080-many thanks for your generosity

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

**Readers:**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**6:30pm** Nora Ryan

Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan

Servers: Eadaoin & Padraig Crowe, Dylan Byrne, Conor Kenny, Cian Hanrahan, Caroline Hayes

**9:30am** Pakie O'Brien

Neil Maher/Ann Hayes

**11am** Emma Kennedy

John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

Servers: Ciaran Whelan, Aidan Moloney, Izzy O'Connor, Sarah O'Dea, Naoise Ryan

**Anniversaries: 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Jan:**

**27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

6:30pm Brian Butler, Carrigbeg-40<sup>th</sup> Anniv. & Deceased family members.

Mary McGrath, Gurtavilla-5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Rita -3<sup>rd</sup> & Matt Ryan, Reenavanna.

Helen Crowe, The Forts-Months Mind.

9:30am Pat & Mary Anne Gleeson, Kyle & Bill Gorman, Pallasgreen.

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11am Phyllis Brosnan & her parents Patrick & Mary Danaher.

John P Hayes, Main St.

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

**New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** available from the Sacristy.

**Recently Deceased:** Paddy Ryan, Gurtavalla Cross & Sr. Colette Ryan formerly Doon Convent, whose funerals took place during the week. Sympathy to the bereaved. May they rest in peace.

**Doon Community Council:** will host the play 'Murder Inn' on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2018. Adults €10, children €5. Tickets on sale from Spar Doon, Lisa's Hair Salon, Community Centre Office, Charisma Nail & Beauty Tipperary or any committee member.

**Doon ICA:** invites all ladies to join Gym class at Joey's Fitness Facility on Tue. night's @ 8:30pm. All welcome, this class is not confined to ICA members.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10 pm. We need people to help cover the following hours **4-5 pm/5-6pm & 7-8pm** (we presently have one adorer & we need at least two). Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord! If you cannot commit weekly, would you act as a substitute when we could call on you from time to time? We are fully aware that circumstances arise where people mightn't be able to attend, all you have to do is tell us and we will fill in for you. "We should consider those moments **spent before the Blessed Sacrament** as the **happiest** of our **lives**-St. John Vianney. You can contact any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee: John O'Brien 380614/(086) 8586304, Mary MacCleod 380987/(087) 1767465, Marcia Mooney 380382/(086) 4038420.

**Dún Bleisce Historical Society:** will hold a talk on Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm. The talk will be given by Julie McGrath of Cappawhite on a study of Stephen De Vere of Curragh Chase, Landlord, Politician & Philanthropist.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, departing from Shannon half board accommodation €719, €50 discount for deposits received before 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

**Doon CBS Primary School:** The Parents Association are holding a cake sale this weekend after all Masses in The Pastoral Centre. Any support would be greatly appreciated. **Cash for Clobber:** Bags of clothes, shoes etc can be left in the school.

**Doon Study Hub:** open every Tue. from 4pm to 8pm, Wed. 3:30pm to 7:30pm, Thur. 3:30pm to 7:30pm. Sat. from 10am to 2pm and from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

**Operation Transformation & Doon GAA:** Ireland Lights Up with the GAA is a national initiative to improve the health of the country through GAA clubs & communities across Ireland. GAA Clubs across Ireland will be coming on board with Operation Transformation & turning on their floodlights between 7-9pm each Mon. for a 6 week period, commencing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Doon GAA are coming on board with the Operation Transformation and the GAA for Ireland Lights Up, the club will be open & lit up for you, your family and friends to come and walk from 7pm to 9pm. We want everyone to come and join for Ireland Lights Up 2018! All are welcome to come to this event.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 5-6-7-20, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €3,400. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell.