



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

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Dear Parishioner, Jesus visits the home of Martha. For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone is this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles. This story occurs in Luke immediately after the Good Samaritan, the Gospel we listened to last Sunday where the importance of service and action are clearly emphasised. It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us. Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face, whether they be in our homes or our wider communities.

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

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
<b>6:30pm</b> Diarmaid Chuimín	Paul Sweeney/Mary Ryan
<b>9:30am</b> Orla Treacy	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
<b>11am</b> Anita Sweeney	Donal Ryan/Bridie Stapleton

<b>Anniversaries: 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> July:</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> July:</b>
<b>6:30pm</b> John & Bridget McLoughlin & their daughter Nonie Hickey	JJ Buckley, Main St
<b>9:30am</b> People of the Parish	Biddy Maher, Coolnamona
<b>11am</b> Timothy & Margaret Ryan Smith, Cooga Upper & deceased family members	Nellie & Billy Cummins, Coolnamona
	Paddy Ryan Frank, Gurtavalla (1 <sup>st</sup> )
	Jack McDonnell Carrigmore (6 <sup>th</sup> )

**Annual Cemetery Mass:** The Annual Cemetery Mass will take place this coming Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of July @ 7.30pm. It will take place in the Parish Church if weather is not suitable.

**Recently deceased:** Please remember in your prayers Maureen Jordan nee Hurley, London and formally Hollyford whose burial took place in Doon on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. Edel O'Brien, Palmerstown, Dublin whose burial took place in Doon on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. **Our sympathy to all the bereaved.**

**Mass Cards available in the Sacristy.**

**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.

**Doon GAA Lotto:** No's drawn 12-19-20-25 no winner. Next week's jackpot €9,200. Draw will be held in Kelly's Bar.

**SeisDún 2019:** in Moore's on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August next in aid of Chernobyl Children Int and Fr Johnny Sweeney's Missionary Work in Argentina. Full lineup announced in the coming weeks.

**Doon Tidy Towns:** Doon in Bloom Competition 2019: Design a Window Box, Hanging Basket, Flower Pot etc. Adult Prizes 1st €100 - 2nd €50. Children's Competition - Fairy Garden in 30 x 30 cm or 60 x 60 cm boxes. Flower Pots, Window Baskets or Shoes (Be Creative) Kids Prizes 1st €50 - 2nd €25. *No Entry Fees.* Competition Dates July 1<sup>st</sup>- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 2019. Judging in Pastoral Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> August

**Doon and District Men's Shed:** in association with Joe's Garden Centre are holding an open evening/flower arranging demonstration in the Men's Shed this Monday night 22<sup>nd</sup> July @ 7.30pm. All are welcome. Usual meetings take place every Monday night @ 8pm in the convent.

**Doon Community Council:** Dates for your diary - Annual *Coffee Morning & Cake Sale* set for weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September after all Masses in Jack Ryan's Bar. Annual *Scrap Metal Collection* will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Office services available on Mondays & Tuesdays 10am-1pm & 2pm-4pm and Wednesday 10am-1pm. For all bookings please contact 085 1443470.

**The Mustard Seed:** under the Patronage of The Immaculate Heart House of Prayer will hold a Church gate collection this weekend to help raise funds to help the completion of the first Catholic Church dedicated to Pope St. John Paul II in Togliatti Russia. Support would be appreciated

**Visitation of the Sick in Hospitals & Nursing Homes:** Hospitals & nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy.

**Legion of Mary:** The annual Catholic young adult conference takes place in All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin, the weekend of Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> August/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. The conference is open to all young Catholics between 18 and 40 years. If interested please call to the pastoral center any Tuesday evening from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August from 8 - 9 p.m. and speak to a member of the Legion of Mary. Other details are on the poster on the church noticeboard.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 @ 2.30pm, Anointing of the sick @ 3.00pm. Concelebrated Mass Chief celebrant, Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly.

**Diocesan appointments and transfers:** The Archbishop of Cashel & Emlly, Dr Kieran O'Reilly, has made the following clerical appointments in the Archdiocese: Very Rev. John Egan P.P. Lattin & Cullen to be A.P. Lattin & Cullen, resident in Cullen 2. Very Rev. Michael Kennedy, P.P. New Inn & Knockgraffon to be P.P. Lattin & Cullen 3. Very Rev. Robert Fletcher, P.P. Ballinahinch & Killoscully, to be P.P. New Inn & Knockgraffon 4. Rev. James O'Donoghue returns to work in the Archdiocese after serving as Chaplain in University Hospital, Limerick to be P.P. Ballinahinch & Killoscully. The Appointments take effect from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Mulcair G.I.Y. Group:** will hold an information evening on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July @ 8pm in Cappamore Community Centre. Plants, books and magazines can be exchanged on the night. All welcome.

St Vincent's Lisnagry: Would like to thank all who contributed and helped with their recent Church Gate Collection. The sum of €828.50 was collected. Thank You.

**Doon Historical Society:** The Annual Summer Outing will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> August and the destination is Wexford, taking in many sites of interest including Johnstown Castle and Agricultural Museum, Enniscorthy Heritage Centre, Vinegar Hill and Boulavogue. This is always a good day out. Please confirm booking to 087 2347072.