



### St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

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Dear Parishioner, In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally laid down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, the gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'follow him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal, more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then – especially – that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday €1,013, thank you for your contributions.

#### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April

Readers:		Eucharistic Ministers:	
6:30pm	Paud Sweeney		Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
Servers:	Eadaoin & Padraig Crowe, Dylan Byne, Conor Kennedy, Cian Hanrahan, Caroline Hayes		
9:30am	Orla Treacy		Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin
11am	Kay Ryan		Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney
Servers:	Shauna & Caimin Lynch, Niall Riordan, Eamon & Padraig Richardson		

Anniversaries: 21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr:		28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	
6:30pm	Nellie Duggan, Cooga & her sisters Bidy Treacy.		Sean Kelly, Hillview Grove.
	Ted Murphy, Mt. St. Josephs-36 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.		
9:30am	Gerry & Chrissie Cummins, Carrigmore.		Bridget English, Main St.
11am	Joe Fitzgibbon, Glengar-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.		Thomas, Ellen & Jerry McGrath, Clogher.
	James Ryan Buckley, Hillview Grove-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv		Nonie Cummins.

**Dates:** First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Recently Deceased:** we pray for George Stapleton, Kilmallock & formerly of Carnahalla who was laid to rest in Doon on Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Apr. Sarah Buckley nee Ryan, Kyle Tipperary & formerly of Gurtnageara who was laid to rest in Doon on Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Apr. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

**Baptism:** We welcome to our Christian Community Sarah Belle Cummins, 28 Coonagh Court who was baptised on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Congratulations to her parents Jennifer & Edmund & extended family.

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

**Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. If you would be interested in volunteering as a helper with the pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Jimmy for more information.

**Date for your Diary:** Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima rosary rally for the protection of little babies in the womb at 6 O'clock, rosary continues ever Sun. @ 10:40am before Mass.

**Doon Community Council:** Tree & flower planting around the Community Centre on Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Apr. @ 6:30pm, in conjunction with the Community council, Doon Youth club and tidy towns. All are welcome to attend. **Youth Club:** continues every Wed. @ 6:15pm, in the community centre, for children over 10 years of age. €5 registration and €2 per week thereafter.

**World Meeting of Families:** please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) for full details of the WMOF Congress at the RDS in Dublin Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 3-17-27-29, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,000. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell. **Fixtures:** Best of luck to our seniors playing 1<sup>st</sup> Rd. Senior C/Ship Doon v Na Piarsaigh, today, Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm in The Gaelic Grounds, all support appreciated. Congratulations to our U21 hurlers in are through to the preimer U21 final v Kilmallock.

**Fr. Johnny Sweeney** has been given space in a container going to Argentina where he works in St. Patrick's Parish, Mercedes. He would appreciate CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY baby/children's, clothes/shoes and toys for the underprivileged in his Parish. They can be handed into the Pastoral Centre before & after all Masses this weekend. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Doon Eucharistic Adoration Group:** 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! You can contact any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee John O' Brien (086)8586304, Mary MacCleod (087)1767465, Marcia Mooney (086)4038420 to discuss same.

**Tickets for the Pope's Visit:** if you are interested in tickets for the Papal Events, ie. Festival of Families on Sat. evening 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. in Croke Park & the Final Mass on Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. in Phoenix Park. Please visit and refer all queries to the WMOF website [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets).

**National Annual Pilgrimage of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration:** Knock Shrine Co. Mayo on Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> April. The Pilgrimage theme is: The Family of Eucharistic Adoration. A bus is being organised with pick up points at various locations; if interested please ring Mary Jo Fahey at 062- 75282.

**Convent of Mercy Secondary School Doon-Reunion:** for anyone who attended the school up until 1965 will take place in Ballykisteon Hotel on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018, starting mid-day. Further information from [www.doonconventreunion.com](http://www.doonconventreunion.com)

**Holy Ghost Fathers Missionary Appeal:** I welcome Fr. Walter McNamara Holy Ghost Father who will preach and celebrate all masses next weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April and take up a collection after Masses for the orders missions.

**Doon Convent Re-development Working Group:** Development of the Social Farm continues. A LEADER fund application was successful in gaining approval for funding of €166,000 which it is hoped will be released in the next few months. A Project Co-ordinator part-time position will be advertised shortly on Activelink & Limerick Post. A further meeting of the working group is planned for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Scoil na Trionoide Naofa:** are hosting a Raffle at Bingo in Cappamore on Thur. 26<sup>th</sup> April @ 8:30pm. All proceeds are going towards Student Activities.

**Dún Bleisce:** "Mar a bhí agus mar atá". A photographic record of Doon Parish is on sale now.

**Cystic Fibrosis Ireland:** would like to thank all who contributed to the Annual Church Gate Collection which amounted to €676