



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 22nd July 2018

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Dear Parishioner,

The gospel today emphasises the importance of taking time for yourself as Jesus takes the disciples to a deserted place after all their hard work. It teaches an important lesson about remaining connected to Jesus if we are to be his followers. It is unfortunate for them that their break is interrupted. The crowd are thirsty for more and suffering from a lack of real leadership. Jesus has so much compassion for the people that the phrase Mark uses actually means he felt compassion in his intestines! A biblical way of saying he felt compassion for them in the pit of his stomach.

Next month we greet the shepherd of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis comes to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. It will be a momentous occasion, a once in a life-time experience to see and to hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be joyful Christians, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities, on the streets and to help build a world that is true to Christ's vision for this world. Pope Francis is a leader who inspires many. Whether you are travelling to the festival or watching it at home we pray for the success of this extraordinary event. Let us pray today for leaders in our Church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the Spirit who guides us on this path.

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

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 28th/29th July:

Readers:

6:30pm Ted Riordan

9:30am Damian Richardson

11am John O'Brien

Anniversaries: 21st/22nd July:

6:30pm Biddy Maher, Coolnamona.

John & Bridget McLoughlin & their

Daughter Nonie Hickey, Foilaclera.

9:30am People of the Parish.

11am Kathleen Stokes, Clonlusk - 20th Anniv

Jack McDonnell – 5th Anniversary

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mai O'Dwyer/Cáit McMahon

Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan

Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

28th/29th July:

JJ Buckley, Main St

People of the Parish.

John & Mary Nolan, Kilmoylan and

deceased members of the Nolan family

Baptism: We welcome to our Christian community Olivia Florence Byrne who was baptised on the 14th of July. Congratulations to her parents Martin and Aisling and their extended family.

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: can be collected in the Sacristy.

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

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 1-13-14-22, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €3,800 and draw will be held in Whelan's Bar. **Best Wishes:** to the Limerick u17 Hurlers especially our clubmen Bob Purcell & Cormac Ryan as they play Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship ¼ Final Series in Thurles this Saturday 21st July. Best Wishes also to Limerick Seniors in the All-Ireland semi-final next Sunday 29th July in Croke Park, especially Richie English, Darragh O'Donovan, Pat Ryan & Barry Murphy.

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! If so please contact any member of the Adoration Group: John O'Brien: (086) 8586304, Mary MacLeod: (087) 1767465 or Marcia Mooney (089) 4146481.

Cemetery Mass: the annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Fri. 27th July @ 7.30pm. Please let family and friends know.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: will take place on Sunday, August 5th 2018.

Doon Community Council: Annual coffee morning & cake sale as previously advertised is now postponed as Limerick play in the All-Ireland semi-final on that weekend. Best wishes to Limerick hurlers and our local players.

Doon Tidy Towns: are holding a nature walk in Kilmoylan Bog this coming Wednesday 25th July in conjunction with Doon Youth Club. The walk will be conducted by Albert Nolan & will leave the Community Centre @ 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in the Fr. McGrath Hall, all are welcome.

Beginners Yoga Class: with Eileen Butler every Thursday night from 7-8pm in Fr. McGrath Hall. All welcome.

Dún Bleisce-"Mar a bhí agus mar atá": A photographic record of Doon Parish is on sale now in Spar, Richardson's Butcher and Collins Pharmacy.

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