

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-22nd May 2016

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Dear Parishioner, Pope Francis has chosen Ireland to host the 9th World Meeting of Families during 2018. The dates and theme of the meeting will be announced by Pope Francis himself. It is expected to attract thousands of Catholic families around the globe to Ireland. It is hoped that this very special pastoral initiative will present all of us in the Church with the opportunity and the challenge to renew, support and strengthen Irish families in their commitment of their faith.

Hosting a global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay on behalf of the host country. Accordingly, our Bishops have now established a National Finance Committee to provide advice on the financial planning for the Meeting of Families in Ireland. To support the hosting of the event it is intended to hold 3 National Church Collections, the first of which will take place on the weekend of 28^{th} - 29^{th} May. The remaining collections will take place in 2017 & 2018. Please visit worldmeeting 2018.ie for more details.

The World Meeting of Families was a pastoral initiative of St. John Paul II. Held every three years, and co-ordinated by the Pontifical Council for the Family, it is the largest universal gathering of the Catholic families and brings together families from all over the world in faith and celebration. As announced during the week it is probable that Pope Francis or his successor will come to Ireland for this event.

We honour our Blessed Mother Mary during the month of May, renewing our devotion in our prayers especially the rosary. The rosary is recited at the grotto on Sunday afternoon at 6pm.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday €960, many thanks.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 28th/29th May:

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm	Eoin Doyle	Joan Hogan/Mary Ryan
9:30am	Orla Treacy	Eilin Ui Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am	John O'Brien	John O'Brien/Norah Treacy

Anniversaries/Months Mind:

	21 st /22 nd May:	28 th /29 th May:
6:30pm	Margaret, Cornelius, & Roger Hanly,	Michael & Josephine Ryan Simon.
	Cooga.	
9:30am	William O'Brien, Glengar.	Ger Conway, Coolbane.
11am	Paddy Moloney & his sisters.	Denis O'Dwyer, Munie.
	·	Peggy English, Gurtnageire.

Tue. 24th Chris & Paddy O'Malley @ 10am in Convent Chapel.

Mon. 30th Michael English, Croughmorka @10am in Convent Chapel.

Obituaries: Mary Hogan, Rusheen, Lough Gur—sister of Tom Hammersley who was laid to rest on Sun. 15th May in Lough Gur. Peggy Prendergast nee Carew who was laid to rest on Fri. 20th May. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

MS Hill Walk: in aid of MS Limerick Branch will take place on Sat. 4th June, meeting at Doon Community Centre at 7pm. Donations accepted on the night or collectors cards available. Contact Tom Hayes (086) 8365930 for more information.

Recently Christened: we welcome into our community Faith Walsh.

Doon Tidy Towns: adjudication for this year's competition will take place Mid June. We are appealing to all business people, shopkeepers and householders to make every effort to present their properties in the best manner possible.

Mass of thanksgiving: in St. Patrick's Church Doon on Sunday 12th at 11am June to mark the departure of the Sisters of Mercy after 151 years of service to our Parish & surrounding areas. The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly. Lunch will follow in Doon Community Centre at 12:30pm sharp. As numbers are required for catering purposes we would be very grateful if you could text or call any of the following people by Sat. 4th June. Fr. Tony Ryan (087) 2608915, Paul Ryan (087) 9031336, Peggy Sweeney (087) 9442896 or Kay Ryan (086) 3892654. All parishioners welcome.

Parents Council of Convent National School: will hold a cake sale in Doon Pastoral Centre after all Masses on the weekend of $28^{th}/29^{th}$ May. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Doon Poetry Book Launch: in aid of Milford Hospice will take place in Doon Community Centre on Sat. 28th May @ 7:30pm by award winning poet Monica Corish, daughter of the late Teresa & Michael Corish, Kilmoylan. All are welcome to attend.

National Sunflower Days: take place on Fri 10th & Sat. 11th June. Funds raised from this event are in aid of Milford Hospice. If anyone would like to volunteer with us on those days either in their local parish or in Limerick City, we would really appreciate your support. Please call 485860/email fundraising@mildfordcarecentre.ie.

Thump Boxing: is a non contact fitness class for men & women, suitable for all fitness levels, in Fr. McGrath Hall Doon, on Mon. evenings @ 8pm. For information call Lisa O'Riordan 087-9249390.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 16th May no's drawn 1-13-20-23, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €4,000. **Cash for Clobber:** bags can be dropped to clubhouse every Sat. morning from 10-11:30am or contact any club member. **Fixtures:** U14 C/Ship Rd. 1 Doon Ballyhoura Gaels on Mon. 23rd @ 7:15pm in Doon. Junior B East Leag. Doon v Murroe Boher on Tue. 24th @ 7:30pm in Doon. Senior C/Ship Rd. 3 Doon v St. Liberties on Fri. 27th @ 7:30pm in Caherconlish. **Results:** Camogie U16 Leag. final Doon 3-5 Cappamore 0-2. Senior C/Ship Rd. 2 Doon 2-18 Na Piarsaigh 1-19. Junior A South/East Leag. Doon 3-21 Bruff 0-9. Camogie U14 Leag. semi final Doon 1-2 Monaleen 2-2. Junior B East Leag. Doon 0-9 Ballybricken 0-3.