



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—23rd April 2017

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Dear Parishioner, The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism – we can even be made fun of. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €1,190-many thanks. Please return Trocaire boxes & if possible please convert coin to notes, so far €970 has been received. Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Stations Collection & The Easter Priests Collection and to The Holy Places Collection on Good Friday which amounted to €360.

Mass: there will be NO 9:30am Mass on Monday 23rd April.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: for 29th/30th April

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm	Peggy Sweeney	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
9:30am	Damien Richardson	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
11am	Kay Ryan	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Altar Servers:

6:30pm	Sean & Tommy Ryan, Niamh Kelly & Shauna Ronan
11am	Shauna & Tomas Lynch, Isabelle Maher, Roisin Doyle & Conor Kennedy

Anniversaries: 23rd/24th April:

6:30pm	Nelly Duggan & Biddy Treacy, Cooga & Laura Dillon & Bridie & Andrew Forrest, Gurtavalla.
	Norman Beresford & Margaret Dunne.
	William & Nora Mai Barry, Clonlusk.

29th/30th April:

	Sean Kelly-Hillview Grove.
	Kathleen Clarke, Cooga-Months Mind.

23rd/24th April:

9:30am	-
11am	Noreen, Daniel & Mary Morrissey & Teresa Kennedy.

29th/30th April:

Michael & Josie Mai O'Dwyer.
Pat Butler, Carrigbeg & deceased
Members of the Butler family.
Nonie Cummins, Toomaline.
Ellen Thomas & Jerry McGrath.
Bridget English, Main Street.
Nora Ryan, Assumption Tce.-Months Mind

Fri. 28th: Margaret & Kathleen Ryan @ 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10am to 10pm. If you would like to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly: Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16th-21st June. Fully inclusive Price €699. For more information contact Joe Walsh Tours, Dublin, Tel. (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, Doon (061) 380165.

Social Dancing: continues every Wed. night in Doon Community Centre @ 8pm.

Dun Bleisce Tidy Towns: the committee would like to thank all who took part in the Good Friday clean up, sponsored by JP McManus. There was a wonderful turn out and all roads in the Parish were cleaned of rubbish. Thanks to members of the Camogie Club & Underage GAA for taking part & also to Spar Shop for sponsoring the refreshments at the Pastoral Centre.

Doon Community Council: are holding their annual monster table quiz in all five pubs, on Fri. 5th May, starting at 9:30pm. Table of 4 €20 per table.

Doon Community Text Alert: payment is now due. If you wish to continue receiving these important texts-the cost for annual subscription is €10 and can be paid at Doon Post Office.

Doon Study Hub: at T.Hayes Premises Main Street commencing Mon. 24th. Mon.-Fri. 4pm-8pm, Sat. & Sun. 10am-2pm/2:30pm-6:30pm. For more information see our Facebook page Doon Study Hub.

Doon Community Alert: will hold their AGM in Doon Community Centre @ 8pm on Wed. 26th April 2017. All members are asked to attend

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 17th April no's drawn 1-3-7-17, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €13,600. **Fixtures & Results:** will be sent out by text - for weekday & weekend fixtures each week. If you would like to receive these texts please text your name to (087) 7818652. Alternatively you can search for Doon GAA on TeamApp where you can also receive these alerts. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Club Limerick Draw:** Top prize €10,000 each month. Please support Doon GAA & Limerick GAA. Cost: €100 for the year. Contact Donal Anderson (086) 8421747 for more details.

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