

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 23rd February, 2020

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Dear Parishioner,

All of us, ordinary and flawed, have at heart a seemingly boundless longing for fulfilment. On this Day of Prayer for Temperance, we consider Matt Talbot, who had only seven people at his funeral in 1925, but whom hundreds of thousands came to see as a beacon of hope that reflects the struggles addiction can impose on someone's life. He relied on a higher power that affirmed and accepted him, without preconditions. He made an extraordinary journey from the darkness of excessive addiction to wholeness and the light of holiness. Amidst the anxieties and personal anguishes of his own pain-filled days and nights, he shows us the answer to one of the seven questions that Jesus asks in the Gospel today: 'Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life?' Matt Talbot could identify with the words of today's Psalm: 'In God is my safety and glory, trust him at all times, pour out your hearts before him'. He imbibed the refreshing waters of grace and renewed his life as a heroic witness of the power and presence of God at work within him.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 29th Feb/1st Mar:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Nora Ryan	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
9:30am Damian Richardson	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am Catherine Tierney	John O'Brien/Bridie Stapleton

Anniversaries: 22nd/23rd Feb:

6:30pm Sean Ryan, Doon South (10 th) & his brother Liam (4 th) Julia Ryan, Gurtnagara Months Mind	29th Feb/1st Mar: Sally Maher Gurtavalla Mick, Con & Bridget Hayes Lisowen
9:30am For the People of the Parish	For the People of the Parish
11am Paul & Julia Skehan	Fr Sean Sweeney & his parents Paddy &

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wed 26th Feb is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence and the beginning of the season of Lent. **Trócaire Boxes** available as you leave the church. Ashes will be distributed after 9.30 am Mass on Wednesday morning and 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday evening.

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: Church cleaning next Tuesday 25th Feb @10 am. New people are always welcome as many hands make light work. Thanks to the group for keeping the Church so clean for all of us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: **Confirmation** is Tuesday 31st March 2020. **First Holy Communion** is Sunday 3rd May 2020. As a community of faith, we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events in their faith journey.

DOON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm

ST VINCENT'S LISNAGRY: wish to thank most sincerely those who contributed to and helped at the annual collection which amounted to €810.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Cashel & Emly Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage from 13 - 18 June 2020. Booking through Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410810. Anyone interested in volunteering as a helper please contact Fr Jimmy. The draw for the 5th year helper takes place @ 6.30 pm Mass this weekend.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: There will be a talk on Monday the 24th February 2020 in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm by Micheal Hassett, Murroe on the "Greatest Untold Story of World War 1". All are welcome.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: For bookings of the hall, meeting rooms, astro turf pitch, birthday parties, marquee hire etc. call 085 1443470.

DOON SOCIAL FARM: is running a new Horticulture QQI level 4 course which aims to provide training, skills and knowledge in horticultural. On this course you will learn how to grow fruit and vegetables and develop useful personal development skills for work and life. The full-time course starts at the end of February and runs until the end of August. The course is free to all and those currently in receipt of DSP Payments may be entitled to payment whilst attending the course. To register and for more information call Maura/Deirdre 085 8618993/061 0380808 or email manager@ballyhouraruralservices.org

DOON CBS: Latest **Split the Pot** winner is Roger Keogh, Cappamore collecting €320.

DOON GAA: LOTTO: no's drawn 3-20-21-28 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €7,800. **Cash for Clobber** annual collection is back for the month of February. Drop your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bed sheets, curtains, belts etc. to the clubhouse any weekday morning from 9am to 12pm. Support greatly appreciated. **Limerick GAA Draw 2020** €10,000 in monthly prizes. €100 to enter for 10 monthly draws. Half of income is returned to Doon GAA club. Closing date is March 24th. First draw 4th April 2020. Local co-ordinator Donal Anderson 086 8421747.

BADMINTON CLUB: Monday nights from 7pm to 10pm and Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm in the community Centre. Beginners and new members welcome.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: #Dil2020 in aid of Pieta House will take place on 9th May @ 4.15am in Murroe, and, as usual, takes in the grounds of Glenstal Abbey. On-line registration opens on 25th February, at which time you will be able to avail of early bird rates. Please register as early as possible - no cash will be collected on the night of the walk. Other locations in Co Limerick are Limerick City, Kilmallock and Newcastle West. We look forward to welcoming you to Murroe!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tue 25th February 2020 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Bereavement Counsellors will be in attendance to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free

LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY 2020: An opportunity to prepare for Easter. Talks every Sunday of Lent @ 4.30pm. This year's series focuses on the Sunday Gospel readings. Further information from www.glenstal.com. Talks will be streamed and available on the website.

Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday Evening for inclusion the following weekend.