



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

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Dear Parishioner,

Pope Benedict XVI once described today's feast as 'a day on which heaven and earth work together.' He said: 'Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. Love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives.' This is a wonderful way to approach Communion. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we keep this gift for ourselves, and do not give in return, that is not love. The disciples in today's Gospel have a small amount of food, five loaves and two fish – maybe enough to feed themselves, at a stretch. But Jesus had a very different idea. Notice that Jesus hands this gift over to them to distribute among the hungry crowd. It is the disciples' responsibility to feed the hungry, to give to those in need, and to love the very crowds that they had earlier suggested sending away. The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our need to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the banquet, especially the poor and the hungry, and it is up to us to help those in need. Having received this gift of love, we are expected to pass it on. There is more than enough bread for everyone.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Readers:**

**6:30pm** Marie Claire Hayes

**9:30am** Mary Lysaght

**11am** Emma Kennedy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes

Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan

John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

**Anniversaries: 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June:**

6:30pm Joan Nolan, Church Street 4<sup>th</sup>

Michael Hennessey, Glasha Talann 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Richard Martin, Bank Place 1<sup>st</sup>

11am Bridie & Dan Hayes, Toomaline & their grandchildren Edward, Emma & Patrick

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

Sarah & Tom Hogan, Dromwood

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**Annual Cemetery Mass:** Please let family and friends know the Annual Cemetery Mass will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of July @ 7.30pm. It will take place in the Parish Church if weather is not suitable.

**Kilcommon Graveyard Mass:** will take place in Kilcommon old graveyard on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June next @ 8pm

**Ballinure Cemetery Mass:** will take place next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June @ 7:30 pm

**Doon & District Men's Shed:** every Monday night @ 8pm in the Convent. New members always most welcome.

**Radio Marina Ireland:** now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210

**Mass Cards available in the Sacristy.**

**Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns:** The month of June and July are the times of adjudication for the National Tidy Towns Competition. Volunteers are now required for jobs such as weeding, tending to flowers, watering, litter picking painting etc. If you can spare an hour please contact 086 8421747 with a view to getting involved in this community project.

**Doon Community Council:** To book the hall, astro-turf pitch, any of the facilities or our birthday party package please contact 085 1443470. Marquee hire also available. Office back open all day Monday & Tuesday and half day Wednesday.

**Doon GAA: Lotto** No's drawn 3-18-20-27 no winner. Next week's jackpot €8,400. Draw will be held in GD's Bar.

**Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Bus will leave from Lysaght's Cross @ 8.15 a.m. Cost €20. Contact Joan @ 061-380201.

**The Legion of Mary:** is a worldwide Catholic organisation that affords its members the opportunity to improve their own Christian lives and to work for others. The Legion branch here in Doon needs new members. Meetings are held very Tuesday evening @ 8.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. If you are over 18 and interested, come along to a meeting and see for yourself. It might well change your life.

**Safe Guarding:** Safeguarding Policy in the Archdiocese and in the Parish: A concise policy leaflet is available in the church and on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Jane Hayes and Breda Purcell. The Diocese has introduced Child Friendly safeguarding leaflets and a poster, which can be found in the porch of the churches. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church. Please take the safeguarding newsletter which is available at church exits.

**Visitation of the Sick in Hospitals & Nursing Homes:** Hospitals and Nursing Homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents. This is due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). 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.

**Down Syndrome Annual Church Gate Collection:**(Limerick branch) will take place this week end 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to F Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net