



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 24th December 2017

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Dear Parishioner, 'Do not be afraid.' Mary was perplexed by the words of the angel. Perhaps you too have sometimes been perplexed by life's path and wondered what it all meant. Perhaps at times you have doubted if God was really with you. In your troubled moments who has been an 'angel' helping to lower your anxiety? Mary's response serves as a model for us – she is one who says 'yes' to what life offers. What is it like for you to say 'yes' to life? Perhaps at this moment in your life you are being invited to say 'Here I am, Lord'? I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful and Blessed Christmas. Sincere thank you to all who have said 'yes' in our parish at various times throughout the year. Servers, Readers, Eucharistic ministers, collectors, choirs, church cleaning group, adoration group, the parish pastoral council, safeguarding reps, flower arrangers, envelope distributors, crib and tree erectors, Patricia and Norah for looking after the weekly newsletter and Michael our sacristan. To all other groups clubs and organisations in our parish thank you for all you do and your commitment to our community.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday's collection was €878-many thanks for your generosity

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 30th/31st Dec:

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| Readers: | Eucharistic Ministers: |
| 6:30pm Eddie Greene | Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon |
| Servers: Emma Hickey, Grainne O'Dwyer, Jamie Cahill, Tommy & Michael Ryan | |
| 9:30am Damien Richardson | Nora Coffey/Bridget Duggan |
| 11am Anita Sweeney | Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer |
| Servers: Aoibheann Flint, Chloe Ryan, Ella Buckley, Paddy Ryan, Darren Kennedy | |

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| Anniversaries: 23rd/24th Dec: | 30th/31st Dec: |
| 6:30pm Fr. Tom Ryan, former PP | Patrick & Elizabeth Reale. |
| Patrick Kennedy-10 th Anniv. & his wife | Peggy O'Dwyer, Carnahalla. |
| Ellen-36 th Anniv., St. Fintan's Terrace. | |
| 9:30am John Ryan (Frank), Gurtavalla. | Mass for the People of The Parish |
| 11am Mary & Jimmy Ryan, Cooga & their recently Deceased daughter Agnes Bermingham. | Maureen Crowe-1 st Anniv. |

Masses week after Christmas: No Morning Mass 26th, 27th, 28th or 29th December.

Envelopes for next year: are now available.

Dates: Primary Christmas Eve Mass Sun. 24th @ 6.30pm. Christmas Day Masses 9:30am & 11am. Confirmation Day- Tue. 10th April. First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6th May.

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: will be drawn up over the next few weeks. If you have any changes please contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898 ASAP.

Doon CBS: the sum of €815 was generously donated last weekend from the carol singing. All proceeds will go to the Doon Lourdes Fund, many thanks for all your support.

Bleisce: Doon Parish Journal will be on sale this weekend at Spar, The Butchers & The Pharmacy. It is also available in Oola & Cappamore. Thanks to all who helped in anyway with its publication.

Dún Bleisce Historical Society: Annual Table Quiz in Moore's Bar Doon on Fri. 5th Jan. 2018 @ 9:30pm. Raffle & a good evening's entertainment guaranteed. The proceeds from the night are to continue to sponsor a student for Tony Woods (Kenyan Education Fund) Table of 4 €20.

Doon Community Council: will host the play 'Murder Inn' on Sat. 3rd Feb. 2018. Tickets will be available shortly from local businesses & committee members. **Star Stage School:** for children aged 5 & older is coming to Doon. Registration on 10th Jan. from 6-7pm in Fr. McGrath Hall. Phone 087 9826879 for more information.

The Doon Eucharistic Adoration: team would like to wish all parishioners a very Blessed Christmas & a Peaceful New Year. Each Wed. during Adoration we pray for the ministry of our priests & for the needs of our parish. Notice: We will not have Adoration on Wed. 27th Dec. but will re commence on Wed. 3rd Jan. from 10 am to 10 pm.

Wren walk for Chernobyl: takes place on St Stephen's Day from the Pastoral Centre at 1pm through Kilmoylan Woods. Refreshments served afterwards. Your support as always is greatly appreciated & all monies raised will go directly to our "Home of Hope"

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 1-15-24-28, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €2,600. The lotto next week will take place on Tue. 26th Dec. in Moore's at the earlier time of 7pm. Our AGM took place recently. The following were elected: Chairman: Mike Ryan, Vice Chairman: Tom Murphy. Secretary: Declan Ryan, Ass. Secretary: Rob O'Connell. Treasurer: Jack O'Connell, Ass. Treasurer: Patricia Murphy. Registrar: Patricia Murphy & Rob O'Connell. Co. Board Delegate: Pat O'Donovan, East Board Delegate: Declan Ryan. Development Draw: Donal Anderson. Club Lotto Chairman: Martin Crowe. Lotto Vice Chairman: Mike O'Connell. Irish Officer: James McPartland. Child Welfare: Marie Riordan. Health & Well-Being: Mary Purcell & Lorna Flint. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18s: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy. **Congratulations:** to Tom & Tina Cummins & Pat Whelan – winners in the December Development Draw. **New Years Day Walk/Run:** will take place on New Year's Day, walkers at 1pm & runners at 1:30pm, more details to follow next week. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas & a prosperous New Year.