



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 24th February 2019

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Dear Parishioner, Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward, save that of knowing that I do your holy will. The 'Prayer for Generosity', which many of us learned as children, is associated with St Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Order, yet it is unclear whether he actually composed it. One of the earliest references to it comes from 1910, when it began to be used as a prayer for the French scouting movement. To this day it is often known as 'The Scout Prayer' and is used by many Scout groups as a blueprint for the work they do. The prayer perfectly sums up the generous spirit of the many volunteer organisations and charities whose members give their time and energy so freely and generously to help others. There are thousands of volunteers all over our country who put love into action by visiting those who are lonely, listening to those who are struggling, providing food and other supplies for those in need, and fundraising for all sorts of worthy causes. Week in and week out, they give without ever counting the cost. These volunteers are living the message of today's Gospel, which can be summed up in one short sentence: Go the extra mile. Thank you, Lord, for volunteers. Make us ever more generous with our time, energy and resources. Help us to be compassionate, as you are compassionate.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers : 2nd/3rd Mar:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Freda Shanahan	Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon
Servers Dylan Byrne, Cian Hanrahan, Eimear Clifford,	Caoimhe Ryan
9:30am Donal Anderson	Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod
11am Therese & Anna O'Dea	Nora Treacy/Anita Sweeney
Servers Caimin Lynch, Ella Buckley, Isabella Maher, Aoibheann Flint	

Anniversaries: 23 rd /24 th Feb.:	2 nd /3 rd Mar.:
6:30pm Jerry & Catherine Hourigan, Ballycushowen. Brigid, Con & Mick Hayes, Lisowen. Tomás Maher, Gurtavalla-28 th Anniv. & his Dad Tommy Maher-Month Mind.	Fr. Rodger Maher & his sisters Sr. Oliver, Antonio & Alphonsus-Anniv.
9:30am Nonie & Dinny Duggan & Joan & Brian Mahon, Croughmorka.	Mai Ryan, Glengar. Mike & Teresa Kelly, Lacka & deceased members of the Kelly family.
11am Sally Maher, Gurtavalla. Matt Treacy, Foilacleara.	William O'Brien & his brother Thomas. Ann Ryan, Glengar-1 st Anniv.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Catherine Troy, Newtownshandrum & formerly of the Sisters of Mercy, Doon. Pat Donnelly, Boherlahan (father of Fr. Jimmy's) whose funerals took place during the week. Our sympathy to the bereaved. May they rest in peace.

First Friday: Next Fri. is First Fri. for the month of March. Usual communion calls after 9:30am Mass. Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Benediction during 7:30pm Mass.

Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome

Church Cleaning Group: will meet on Tue. 25th Feb

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 16-18-19-22, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €5,000. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection continues, any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Radio Maria Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: Weekly classes as follows: Kettlebells-Mon. @ 9:30am & Wed. @7:30pm. Star Stage School Children's Drama-Wed. @ 4pm. Yoga-Thur. @ 7:30pm, Pilates-Thur. @ 9:30am, pay as you go. New members welcome to join. Halls, meeting rooms & astro turf available for rent. Birthday party package available also. Contact (085) 1443470 for bookings,

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Sept. 4th-11th, half board accommodation €675 for bookings received before 1st Feb. Further details contact John O'Brien 086-8586304.

Milford Care Centre Bereavement Support: Information Evening Tue. 26th Feb. @ 7pm to provide information on normal grief & the support services offered by Milford Care Centre. **Anam Cara & Milford Care Centre Bereavement Information Evening:** Thur. 28th Feb. @ 7pm.

The Cashel & Emly Lourdes Fundraising Committee Grand Draw: will take place on Fri. 1st March. All monies raised help with the high running costs of the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes & also helps subsidise the Assisted Pilgrims & Helpers fare for travelling to Lourdes. The tickets cost €20 & are available from Fr Jimmy. Support greatly appreciated.

Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly: 49th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019, from 15th-20th June. 5 nights fully inclusive price €745. Booking forms are available in the sacristy or from Joe Walsh Tours at www.joewalshstours.ie or by telephone 01 2410811. **For the assisted/sick pilgrim section** please contact Fr. Joe Tynan, Parochial House Kiltelly Co Limerick 061 384213. Anyone who is interested in becoming a helper to assisted pilgrims please contact Fr. Jimmy.

The Sacred Heart Messenger: Ireland's biggest selling Religious Magazine for over 130 years have a free book "Sharing The Wisdom of Time" for all new subscribers. Complete & return forms which are available at church exits or call 01 7758524. 1 yr €30, 2 yr €54, 3 yr €72. See poster for details.

Doon Community Council with Ballyhoura Development: is preparing a new plan for the area of Doon, with the aim of bringing employment, improvement in local infrastructure, more amenities in the area & the prevention of depletion of existing services in the parish. Doon parish residents (from young to old), local businesses & community groups e.g. GAA, historical society, tidy towns, Doon youth club etc., are invited to take part in a series of 3 planned workshops in Doon Community Centre on Thur. 28th Feb. @ 8pm, the 4th April @ 8pm & the 9th May @ 8pm. Please fill out a survey by going to the website www.surveymonkey.com/r/ballyhouracomunityplanning: A paper copy of this survey will be available in local shops in the next week or so. The views of all our residents will help us to put a plan together that will work for everyone.

Blood Donation Clinic: in Doon Community Centre on Tue. 26th Feb. from 5pm - 8pm. All welcome.