



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 24th Jun 2018

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Dear Parishioner, Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth. We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday €775, thank you for your contributions.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 30th Jun/1st July:

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| Readers: | Eucharistic Ministers: |
| 6:30pm Freda Shanahan | John Favier/Paudie Sweeney |
| Servers: Sheana & James Buckley, Lauren & Grainne Ryan | |
| 9:30am Donie Anderson | Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan |
| 11am Therese & Anna O'Dea | Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney |
| Servers: Izzy O'Connor, Sarah O'Dea, Eamonn & Pdraig Richardson | |

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| Anniversaries: 23rd/24th Jun: | 30th Jun/1st Jul: |
| 6:30pm Joan Nolan, Church St.-3 rd Anniv | Mary Treacy, Commonaline & her brother |
| Michael Hennessey, Glasha Talann-9 th Anniv | Michael Donovan. |
| | Sarah & Tom Hogan, Dromwood. |
| 9:30am People of the Parish | Jimmy Ryan, Reenavanna-8 th Anniv. |
| 11am Bridie & Dan Hayes & their grandchildren | |
| Edward, Emma & Patrick. | |

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.

Recently Deceased: Pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret O'Shaughnessy (née Murphy), Castle Erkin, Pallasgreen & formerly Doon. Requiem Mass Sun. June 24th @ 11am followed by Cremation in Shannon Crematorium at 1.30pm.

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

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 7-12-16-29, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €3,000. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell. **Best of luck:** to Limerick U17's

who play Tipperary in the Munster Final next Sun. especially to our clubmen Bob Purcell & Cormac Ryan

Doon Eucharistic Adoration Group: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10pm. Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord! If so please contact any member of the Adoration Group: John O'Brien: (086) 8586304, Mary MacCleod: (087) 1767465 or Marcia Mooney (089) 4146481.

Convent of Mercy Secondary School Doon-Reunion: A reunion (for anyone who attended St. Joseph's Secondary School, Doon up until 1965) will be held on Tuesday, July 10th 2018 in Ballykisteen Golf Hotel, Co Tipperary.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: Judging for Tidy Towns begins on the 18th June & runs until 15th July. The local committee have put in hours of work to beautify where we live. Over the coming weeks let's take pride in Doon. Let's do our best to keep it litter free & weed free. With cooperation from all hopefully our marks will improve again this year. If you see litter pick it up please. If you can do anything to help please do or if you have ideas contact any committee member.

Dún Bleisce-"Mar a bhí agus mar atá": A photographic record of Doon Parish is on sale now in Spar, Richardson's Butcher and Collins Pharmacy.

Cemetery Mass: the annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Fri. 27th July @ 7.30pm. Please let family and friends know.

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock : Sun. 15th July. Fare €20. To Book, contact Joan @ 061-380201 or Eileen @ 086-8366735. Departure time on church notice board.

Pilgrimage to LoughDerg: The 3 Day Pilgrimage is taking place from Fri. 29th Jun – Sun. 1st July. If interested, please contact Martin on (086) 3868877.

Doon I.C.A: Collection for Adapt House. Children's clothes & toiletries would be gratefully appreciated. Please drop in to Pastoral Centre @ 7:30pm on Mon. 25th June. I.C.A Breast Cancer Walk- €811 was collected. Many thanks for your wonderful support.

Doon Community Council: Annual upcoming events: Coffee morning & cake sale after all Masses on the weekend of 28th/29th July. Doon 10K & 5K run in Sept. Scrap Metal collection in Oct. More details later.

Irish Music Icon: Red Hurley is coming to Limerick to raise funds for Castletroy based charity Clare's Wish Foundation. The concert will take place on July 6th at the beautiful Mount St Alphonsus Church on the South Circular Road in Limerick @ 8:15pm. Tickets cost €20 & will be on sale at St Mount Alphonsus Church shop, also online at www.eventmaster.ie

WMOF News: Tickets for WMOF Pastoral Congress are still available & booking guarantees tickets for Papal events on Sat. 25th & Sun. 26th Aug. Tickets (limited) for Festival of Families in Croke Park on Sat. evening are free and will be available to a family from each parish through the diocesan office. Free Tickets for Knock on Sun. morning, 26th Aug (45,000) & Phoenix Park on Sun. afternoon 26th Aug (600,000) will be available for booking online from June 25th. See www.worldmeeting2018.ie for full details and to book Pastoral Congress tickets.

Best Wishes: to Marguerite Hough who retired from teaching in Doon Convent Primary School after 40 years of service. We wish her health & happiness in her retirement.