



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

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Dear Parishioner, 'It may bear fruit next year' Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough.' Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention. Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertiliser, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

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

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm	Ted Riordan	Mai O'Dwyer/Cáit McMahon
9:30am	Damian Richardson	Donal Anderson/Peg McLoughlin
11am	John O'Brien	Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney
Anniversaries:	23rd/24th March:	30th/31st March:
6:30pm	Mike Crowe, Cooga. John Slattery, Cooga. Jim Maher, Coolnamona. Bridie Bradshaw, Glengar-Months Mind.	Kathleen Clarke, Cooga Norah Ryan, Assumption Tce
9:30am	John Joe & Josie Keogh & daughter Mary.	
11am	Jimmy Horan. Tom Lenihan, Cooga. Joe Berkery, Kilmoylan.	Eileen McLoughlin, Hillview Grove 4 th Anniv

Recently Deceased: we pray for Johnny Tierney, formerly Clonlusk who died in Surry, England and whose funeral takes place in Surry on the 29th March. Pray for Helen Murphy, Mt. St. Joseph's whose funeral took place on Friday and Sr Lelia O'Dea, Convent of Mercy, Doon whose funeral took place last Monday. Sympathy to the bereaved.

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

Radio Marina 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

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: The annual Team Limerick clean up sponsored by JP McManus takes place on Good Friday April 19th, full details of the day's events will be announced later.

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 6-7-17-20, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €5.800. Cash for Clobber: annual clothes collection continues, any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, all support would be greatly appreciated. Club Membership: is now online. Please note that membership will close on 31st March. Ticket/draws for inter county matches will be restricted to paid up members.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: are holding their annual monster table quiz in all five pubs, in Doon, on Fri. 29th March, starting at 9:30pm. Table of 4, €20 per table. Raffle & spot prizes on the night.

Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly: 49th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 15th-20th June. Booking forms available in the sacristy or 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 Kiltely 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 and return forms which are available at church exits or apply directly by email to sales@messenger.ie or by phone 01 7758524. The magazine will be delivered directly to your door each month. Subscription Rates: 1 year is €30, 2 year €54, 3 year €72. See poster for details.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: St Patrick's College Thurles Sat 30th March 2019. 10.00 am - 1pm. All are welcome. Rosary, Adoration, Mass. Celebrant Rev Fr John Keane C.C. Macroom.

The Diocesan Listening Process Feedback: will take place on Thursday 11th April @ 7.30pm in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish for the parishes of Murroe & Boher, Ballina & Boher, Ballinahinch & Killoscully, Ballybricken & Bohermore, Caherconlish & Inch St. Laurence, Cappamore, Doon, Kilcommon, Hollyford & Rearcross and Newport, Birdhill & Toor. The evening will consist of a presentation on our Diocesan Listening Process Report followed by discussion on our next steps. *All are welcome and encouraged to participate in our discussions as we chart out a path for the future of Cashel & Emly.*

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Wed. 3rd April @ 8.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. At this meeting they will make their annual consecration to Our Blessed Lady. All auxiliary members are welcome to join us on that evening.

Church Cleaning: this coming Tuesday 26th March @ 10 am

Milford Hospice Shop: stocks great bargains and ideal gifts for all the family, including clothes, shoes, household items and giftware to suit everyone's pocket. If you are in the midst of a spring clean and de-clutter, the Milford Hospice Shop would be delighted to accept your once loved items such as clean clothes, saleable household items or indeed bric a brac. We cannot accept electrical goods, safety equipment and certain children's items such as buggies. Our Shop relies on the generosity of our supporters who donate their second-hand and brand-new goods for resale. You can contribute by donating your goods directly to Milford Hospice Shop, 22 Thomas Street, Limerick between the hours of 9 to 5 Monday to Saturday. We regret that we are unable to collect individual items or donations. Thank you for your support.

Rearcross Drama Group: present "It's the Real McCoy"-a 3 act comedy, Fri. 29th, Sat. 30th & Sun. 31st March @ 8:30pm in Rearcross Community Hall.

Study Hub: open weekly Tue. 4pm to 8pm, Wed. & Thur. 3.30pm to 7.30pm, Sat. 9.30am to 1.30pm

Limited places available. Phone 087 1300103 or check out our Facebook Page.

Darkness into Light 5 km: walk takes place nationwide on Sat. May 11th @ 4:15am. Murroe Village is a venue in East Limerick, we would love to see you walk in Murroe. Register at www.darknessintolight.ie