



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon – 24th September 2017

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Dear Parishioner,

The core message of this parable we listen to this weekend, is that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Can you recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

Offertory Collection: €963. Thank you for your generosity it is very much appreciated.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 30th Sept/1st Oct:

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| 6:30pm Marie Claire Hayes | John Favier/Paudie Sweeney |
| 9:30am Pakie O'Brien | Nora Coffey/Bridget Duggan |
| 11am Roisin Crowe | John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton |

| Anniversaries: 23 rd /24 th September: | 30 th Sept/1 st Oct: |
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| 6:30pm Denis Hoban (6 th) | Mai, Dan, Erica, Francis & baby Jim Beary |
| 9:30am Tommy Carey, Foilaclera | |
| 11am Teresa & Michael Cummins, Coolnamona Michael & Nora Barane, Gurnageara | |

Please Note: While Fr Jimmy is away Fr Dick Browne Cappamore will cover emergency calls. His number is 061 381288. Masses for the coming week will be **Wednesday Morning Only** @ 9.30am. Usual Mass times at weekends.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community Joe Francis Maher, 22 Coonagh Court who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations to his parents Paudí and Roisín and the extended family

With Sympathy: Pray for the repose of the soul of Br Thomas Favier, interned in Hong Kong brother to John and Peggy Shortt, Kilkenny mother to Anne Cummins, Carrigmore. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Please take a leaflet and commit some time. If you cannot full-fill your allotted time for some reason subs are available to take your place. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Amoris: Let's talk family! Let's be family! You are cordially invited to an exciting and interactive journey of reflection on love, marriage and the family which will be run locally in every diocese in Ireland from September 2017 and is also available on line. Visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris.

Our Lady of Fatima Centenary Celebrations: 13th May 1917- 13th May 2017: To celebrate the centenary the Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on the 13th day of each month from May until October @ 6pm The Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home for these few months. If you would like to host the statue in your home for a week please put your name address and contact details on the sheet as you leave the church

Laudato Si Care for our common home: the comprehensive document on the environment by Pope Francis. You are invited to 4 workshops in Cappawhite Community Centre Sept 21st & 28th and October 5th & 12th from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Inspiring speakers and all are welcome. If you intend to participate please contact Fr Martin Hayes on 089 9624807 or email pastoral.office@cashel-emly.ie

Church Cleaning Group: new members needed. If you can spare an hour of your time please come to the church @ 10am on Tue 23rd of Oct.

Dun Bleisce Tidy Towns: annual used clothes collection this Sunday 24th of September. Clothes can be left at the Pastoral Centre between 9am and 12 noon.

Paddy Dakar 2017: takes place next weekend on Friday 29th & Saturday 30th September. Please be aware that, in Doon and neighbouring areas, over two hundred motorcyclists are expected to partake in an orienteering challenge on these dates. Spectators welcome. Galtee Valley Food truck open all weekend. **Friday September 29th** Night Stage Take Off @ 8 p.m. from the Community Centre. **Saturday 30th** Take off @ 9 a.m. *Junior Dakar 12.30 – 2.30.* Bar opens @ 5pm p.m.

Doon Community Council: Will host an information meeting on setting up a Youth Club in the parish on Tuesday 3rd Oct @ 8pm in the Community Centre. Representatives from Limerick Youth Service will be present. Any adult volunteers interested as well as parents of children from 5th class upwards are invited to attend. **Scrap metal** collection is on Saturday 7th October. Drop off items at the Community Centre on that morning. If you require collection of larger items contact Tim O'Brien 086 0748022, Denis Duggan 086 8652424 or Tom Hayes 087 6853910 before 5th Oct.

Doon Community Alert: would like to thank everybody for their generous contribution at last weekend's Church Gate Collection. The amount raised was €579.34.

Autumn Days at Glenstal: Slow down, Reflect and Renew your Spirit over a series of days at Glenstal Abbey. We begin on Sat Sept 30th - '*The Benedict Option, and why we need it now*'. Why in the modernity of the 21st century are people finding a relevance in this 5th century man and his rule? Information on www.glenstal.org or call us at 061 621005.

World Meeting of Families: Free Family Fun Day. The Limerick Diocesan launch of World Meeting of Families takes place on Sunday 8th October, @ Mary Immaculate College from 1.00 - 5.00pm. Main Entrance via Courtbrack Ave. Food Stalls, Mobile Farm and Face Painting; Archery, Obstacle Course and Water Zorbs; Music and Games for all the Family. Festival Mass @ 4 pm. For more information see FB LimerickWMOF2018. Email: wmof2018@ldo.ie. All welcome

Doon Study Hub: Our 5 week study package begins this Tuesday September 26th until mid term. Package includes study for 3 days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For times and prices please see our Facebook page or contact us via email doonstudyhub@gmail.com. We are also open every Saturday morning from 10am to 2pm.

Showband Night: Saturday 7th October in Hayes Function Room Cappamore in aid of Milford Hospice. Music by the Famous Miami Showband. Tickets €10.00

Mary Immaculate College Alumni Reunion 2017: 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012 Sat 7th Oct from 1.30pm - 5pm. This is the perfect opportunity to meet up with old friends, and acquaint yourself with the College. Should you wish to attend please advise us in advance alumni@mic.ul.ie / 061 -774786 and put "Class Reunion" in the subject line.

Ballyhoura Development: The Ballyhoura North East District Forum will take place on Tuesday September 26th @ 7.30pm in the Millennium Centre Caherconlish.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 4th September. no's drawn 10-17-19-24, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €4,200.