



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 25th August 2019

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Dear Parishioner,

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway.' (Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland) In the opening chapter of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating! The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted. Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface – to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn to him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 31st Aug/1st Sept:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Mairead Maher	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
9:30am Pakie O'Brien	Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan
11am Kay Ryan	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Anniversaries: 24th & 25th August:

6:30pm Patsy Ryan, Cooga & his parents Pake & Catherine Ryan, Commonaline Sarah Sullivan, Kilmoylan	31st Aug/1st Sept: Mary Burke Anniversary Martin Ryan, Togher Road - Months Mind
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9:30am For the people of the parish	For the people of the parish
11am Denis & Nora Coffey, Carrigmore & their Paddy, John, Timmy, Miley & Annie Daughter Anna & the Kilbride family,	Shanahan Carnahalla William, Josephine & Margaret Lonergan & their daughter Bridie Lacka

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Michael (Nanu Nanu) McLoughlin, Waterford City, Waterford & Doon, whose funeral took place during the week. Sympathy to the bereaved.

MASS CARDS available in the Sacristy.

ADORATION GROUP: People needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. If you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

DOON GAA LOTTO: No's drawn 1-12-14-20. No Winner. Next week's draw will take place in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot €2,600.

SUMMER SEISDÚN AND BBQ FUNDRAISER: on behalf of the Mulkear Outreach Group and Fr Johnny Sweeney's Missionary Work in Argentina we would once again like to thank everyone who made our fundraising night in Moore's a huge success raising €2,496.44 to be divided equally and going a long way to making dreams come true for both charities.

DOON AND DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: continues every Monday night @ 8pm in the Convent

DOON STUDY HUB: opening Tuesday the 24th September from 4pm to 8pm. Pre-booking advised as places are limited. Please see our Facebook page for further details.

LCFE CAPPAMORE CAMPUS: now enrolling for full & part-time courses starting in Sept. Apply online at www.lcfe.ie, contact the College at 061 381272 or call into the Campus for further details.

DOON YOUTH CLUB: Doon youth Club are looking for volunteers to help run the club this year. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Mike on (087) 6764345 or Daria on (087) 3490098. All training for volunteers will be provided by Limerick Youth Service.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Annual Coffee Morning & cake sale set for weekend of 31st August/1st September after all Masses in Jack Ryan's Bar. Donations of baked goods/turf/firewood would be welcome for the coffee morning - Contact us if you wish to donate or drop goods to the bar before Masses on that weekend. Annual Scrap Metal collection will take place on Saturday 5th October. For all bookings contact 085 1443470.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE will take place on Sunday 1st September in Holycross Abbey. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm with recitation of the Rosary & Testimony followed by Stations of the Cross, Anointing of the Sick and Concelebrated Mass at 4pm. All are welcome.

VISITATION OF THE SICK IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES: Hospitals & nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest due to the new law called GDPR. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy.

CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL: will reopen for the new school year on Tuesday August 27th @ 9.15a.m. for all classes. Payment of Class expenses will take place on Monday August 26th from 6- 7.30p.m. School lunches will commence on Monday Sept 2nd.

SOLEMN NOVENA: in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Holycross Abbey from Sunday 8th September until Monday 16th September. Devotions and Mass on weekdays at 7am, 10.30am, 4.30pm, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. Sundays at 7am, 10.30am, 12.30pm, 7.30p m & 9.30pm. Extra Sessions: Friday 13th September - Penitential Service at 7.30pm & 9.30pm Saturday 14th September - Anointing of the Sick at 2pm. Sunday 15th September - Blessing of Infants at 2.30pm. Confessions will take place throughout the weekdays.

COMMUNICARE HEALTHCARE: Are you a Healthcare Assistant and require extra hours, Do you require flexibility? Do you drive? We at Communicare Healthcare are looking for you. We offer flexible working hours and excellent rates of pay. Give us a call today on 061-760231, alternatively email us in your CV to southrecruitment@communicare.ie or check out our website www.communicare.ie

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION EVENING: will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tue 27th August 2019 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Bereavement Counsellors will be in attendance to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Info Evening is Free

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net