



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 25th February 2018

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Dear Parishioner, Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from prayer or spiritual practice. These are really special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These 'aha' moments even move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. This is what is happening to the disciples in today's gospel: a very deep and significant 'aha moment'.

Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an occurrence of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. No doubt these moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday's collection was €998-many thanks for your generosity

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 3rd/4th Mar:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Diarmaid O Cuimín	Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
Servers: Eadaoin & Padraig Crowe, Dylan Byrne, Conor Kennedy, Cian Hanrahan, Caroline Hayes	
9:30am Marie Duggan	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am Mary Kate Ryan	Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney
Servers: Ciaran Whelan, Aidan Moloney, Izzy O'Connor, Sarah O'Dea, Naoise Ryan	

Anniversaries: 24 th /25 th Feb:	3 rd /4 th Mar:
6:30pm Bridget, Con & Mike Hayes, Lisowen. Jerry Hourigan, Ballycushown-Months Mind (funeral took place in London)	Fr. Rodgie Maher & his sisters Sr. Oliver, Sr Antonio & Sr. Alphonsus.
9:30am Mass for people of the Parish	Tomas Noel Maher, Gurtavalla.
11am Sally Maher, Gurtavalla. John Quigley, Lacka.	William & Thomas O'Brien, Glengar.
Fri. 2 nd Mar. Lena & Billy Ryan, Commonaline.	Sr. Joan O'Meara, Toomaline & Holy Family Convent Liverpool-1 st Anniv.

Obituaries: Peter Hogan, Cappamore (brother of Michelle Ryan, Carrigbeg & Mary Ryan, Cooga). May he rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Dates: Confirmation Day- Tue. 10th April. First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6th May.

First Friday: Next Fri.-2nd Mar. is the First Friday with usual communion calls after mass. Devotions and Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help during 7.30 mass.

Doon ICA: invites all ladies to join Gym class at Joey's Fitness Facility on Tue. night's @ 8pm. All welcome, this class is not confined to ICA members.

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

Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage: 16th-21st June 2018. Booking forms available in the sacristy. Flight from Shannon to Lourdes & full board for 5 nights. Cost €715 per person. Assisted pilgrim section contact Fr. Joe Tynan PP Kiltelly on (061) 384213.

Date for your Diary: Sun. 13th May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima rosary rally for the protection of little babies in the womb at 6 O'clock, rosary continues ever Sun. @ 10:40am before Mass.

Doon CBS Primary School: The school is now accepting applications for the 2018/2019 school year. Application forms are available from the school. **Cash for Clobber:** Bags of clothes, shoes etc can be left in the school shed, until the end of Feb.

Operation Transformation & Doon GAA: Reminder again, this Mon. night the GAA field will be lit up from 7-9pm for "Ireland lights up with the GAA". Please remember to sign in the clubhouse.

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 10-13-20-27, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €4,400. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell.

Doon Community Council: are holding their annual monster table quiz in all 5 pubs, in Doon, on Fri. 9th Mar., starting at 9:30pm. Table of 4-€20. Raffle & spot prizes on the night. **Doon youth club:** will continue every Wed. @ 6:15pm, in the community centre, for children over 10 years of age. €5 registration and €2 per week thereafter.

James Kilbane in Concert: Hymns & songs of faith: celebrating the World Meeting of Families 2018, will take place on Sun. 4th Mar.-SS Joseph & Brigid's Church, Bóthar na Naomh, Thurles. Doors open at 7pm. Concert at 8pm. Donation Ticket: €20 now available in the Parish Office.

Meeting for returned Lay Missionaries & Volunteers: Meeting will take place on Wed. 28th Feb. @ 7pm in Archbishop's House, Thurles. All are welcome. For more info email: jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone 083-8422468 to confirm attendance.

World Meeting of Families: please visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie for full details of the WMOF Congress at the RDS in Dublin Aug. 22nd to 24th.

Dun Bleisce Historical Society: will hold a talk on Mon. 26th Feb. in the Fr. McGrath Hall at 8pm. The talk, "For the record - 40 years of local journalism" will be given by Patricia Feehily, former journalist and currently columnist with the Limerick Leader. All welcome.

St. Michael's Day Care Centre: are holding a fundraising concert on Fri. 23rd Mar. @ 8pm sharp in Cappamore Community Centre, featuring Brendan Shine & supporting acts. Tickets available from Daycare Centre or Norah Collins, ticket cost €20.

Tineteriffe National School, Parent's Council: are holding a fundraiser on Sat. 17th March in Hayes' Bar. Tickets cost €10 or 3 for €25. Contact Andrew on 085-1741293 or Denis on 086-6019233.

Doon Study Hub: re-opening on Tue. 6th Mar. 4pm to 8pm, Wed. & Thur. 3:30pm to 7:30pm. Sat. 10am to 2pm & 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

Biodynamic/Organic Gardening: there will be a meeting in Doon Community Centre on Mon. 26th @ 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

Team Limerick Clean Up: sponsored by JP McManus takes place on Good Fri. - 30th Mar. Doon Tidy

Trocaire Lenten Campaign: Trocaire boxes available as you leave the church & your support as always is greatly appreciated.