



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-25th June 2017

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Dear Parishioner, today's Gospel is an affirmation for all those who feel persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because people are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times it can be extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world. While we might not want to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. Today, spend time on the beautiful words of Jesus in this Gospel – 'Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!' The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each of us. Once again, we are being told how sacred each and every person is and how much we are loved by God. In his eyes, each of us are precious. Today, recall the times or places where you felt God's supporting presence.

Offertory Collection: last Sunday's collection was €720-many thanks.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: for 1st/2nd July:

Readers:

6:30pm Eimear O'Connell/Fiona Clifford
9:30am Marie Duggan
11am Roisin Crowe

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paud Sweeney/Denise Buckley
John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

Altar Servers 1st/2nd July:

6:30pm Ciara & Caitlin O'Grady, Oran Ryan, Dylan Byrne.
11am Sean Og Blackmore, Aoibheann Flint, Chloe Ryan, Cathal & Sean Sweeney

Anniversaries: 24th/25th June:

6:30pm Joan Nolan, Church Street.

9:30am John & Maureen Danaher, Carnahalla
11am Michael Hennessey, Glasha Talann.
Bridie & Dan Hayes & their grandchildren
Edward McGuinness & Emma Whelan & Patrick Collins.

1st/2nd July:

Mary Treacy, Commonline & her brother
Michael Donovan.
Jimmy Ryan, Reenavanna.
Theresa Lenihan, Cooga.

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.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: continue to meet every Wed. @ 7pm at the Church gates until Mid July. Annual Church Gate Collection at all Masses this weekend. Many thanks to all who subscribed so generously to our Annual Church Gate Collection last weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. from 10am to 10pm. Please take a leaflet & commit some time. If you cannot fulfill your allotted time for some reason subs are available to take your place. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Volunteer Now: Would you or could you volunteer to help when Pope Francis visits our country from 21st-26th Aug. 2018 for the World Meeting of Families. Information leaflet available as you leave the church or lookup www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer

Doon ICA; are collecting toiletries, new children's wear, towels, etc. for Adapt House. If you would like to contribute to this very worthy cause please bring items to the Pastoral Care Centre on Wed. 28th June @ 8pm. All items greatly appreciated.

Urhub Doon: thanks to all who attended the launch last Wed. The free Urhub App is now available to download. Stay in touch with all news & events. Check out the list of local part time work & create your profile to connect & get local work.

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock: Sun. 16th July. If you wish to book a seat please contact Joan on (061) 380201 or Eileen @ (086) 8366735. Bus fare €15. Bus leaving from Lysaght's Corner, Doon @ 7:45am. See notice in Church Porch for all details.

One Day Conference: will take place in Mary Immaculate College Limerick on Thur. 13th July entitled "Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family". This is part of the preparations for the World Meeting of Families.

Doon CBS: Congratulations to three pupils who did not miss a school day during the past school year 2016 / 2017. Micheal Ryan (Moanduff), Alan Tobin (The Forts), and Paddy Ryan (Gurtavalla).

Rearcross Tidy Towns/Rearcross FC Community Day: on today Sun. 25th June. Joe Dolan Tribute Band live on stage at 2pm – Adm. €10, children free. Other events include: Slieve Felim Family Challenge; Bouncy Castles/Super Slide/Demo Ball/Water Zorbing; Juvenile Tricycling/Go Karting; Milk Churn Racing; Slow Bicycle Race; Calf Raffle; Cake Sale; Juvenile Soccer Blitz; Juvenile Lucky Dip; Penalty/Sharp Shooter Competition; Commodity Auction; Gala Raffle; Pony Rides & more.....

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 at 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.

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

Catholic Grandparents Association: on Wed. 26th July-The Feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles @ 7.30pm. This Mass is to acknowledge the role that grandparents played and continue to play in passing on the faith.

Doon Based charity Clare's Wish Foundation: are delighted to say we have secured the beautiful Mount St.Alphonsus Church on the South Circular Road, Limerick as location for 'Red Hurley Spiritual Hits Concert'. The event will take place on Fri. 30th June @ 8:15pm. Tickets cost €20 & will be on sale at St. Mount Alphonsus Church shop, the Clare's Wishing Well charity store in Groody & online at www.eventmaster.ie (€1.54 surcharge).

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 19th June, no's drawn 5-11-23-27, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €15,400. Fixtures & Results: will be sent out by text -for weekday & weekend fixtures each week. If you would like to receive these texts please text your name to (087) 7818652.

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