



## St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—26<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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### Dear Parishioner,

All of us, ordinary and flawed, have at heart a seemingly boundless longing for fulfilment. On this Day of Prayer for Temperance, we consider Matt Talbot, who had only seven people at his funeral in 1925, but whom hundreds of thousands came to see as a beacon of hope that reflects the struggles addiction can impose on someone's life. He relied on a higher power that affirmed and accepted him, without preconditions. He made an extraordinary journey from the darkness of excessive addiction to wholeness and the light of holiness. Amidst the anxieties and personal anguishes of his own pain-filled days and nights, he shows us the answer to one of the seven questions that Jesus asks in the Gospel today: 'Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life?'

Matt Talbot could identify with the words of today's Psalm: 'In God is my safety and glory, trust him at all times, pour out your hearts before him'. He imbibed the refreshing waters of grace and renewed his life as a heroic witness of the power and presence of God at work within him.

**Offertory Collection:** Last Sunday's collection was €1,131 - many thanks.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March:

#### Readers:

6:30pm Patricia Collins  
9:30am Pakie O'Brien  
11am Orla Kennedy

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

John Favier/Paudie Sweeney  
Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan  
John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

### Altar Servers: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March:

6:30pm Sean Ryan, Tommy Ryan, Niamh Kelly & Shauna Ronan  
11am Shauna & Thomas Lynch, Jack McPartland, Naoise Ryan & Ciara Whelan

### Anniversaries: 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Feb:

6:30pm Sean Ryan, Doon South  
Bridgid Hayes, Lisowen-1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. & her  
Husband Con & Mick Hayes  
9:30am Patrick & Ellen Kennedy, St. Fintan's Tce.

11am Sally Maher, Gurtavalla  
Jerry & Chrissie Cummins, Carrigmore.

### 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March:

Josephine Buckley, Glengar & family Jack,  
Bill & Chris  
Maureen & Ned Morrissey, Toomaline  
Fr Sean Sweeney, Liscaugh & his parents  
Paddy & Annie  
William O'Brien, Glengar & his brother  
Thomas  
William & Lena Ryan, Commonaline

**Baptism:** We welcome into our Christian community Cathal Ryan, 13 Coonagh Court who was baptised last Sunday. Congratulations to his parents Patrick & Yvonne and his extended family.

**Ash Wednesday & Trocaire Boxes:** Next Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent. It's a day of fast and abstinence. Mass with distribution of ashes @ 9:30am and 7:30pm. Trocaire boxes are available as you leave the church this weekend.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 10.00pm. As a Lenten observance it may well be an opportunity for you to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please take a leaflet and 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.

**First Friday:** Friday next the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. Mass @ 9.30am & 7.30pm with novena prayers and devotions after evening mass. Usual communion calls after mass on Friday

**Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly:** Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June. Fully inclusive Price €699. For more information contact Joe Walsh Tours, Dublin, Tel. (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, Doon (061) 380165.

**Lourdes Youth Group 2017:** 5<sup>th</sup> year students from Doon Parish who are interested in putting their name forward for the youth section on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes can forward their names to Fr Jimmy by text or email during the coming week. **One person's name will be drawn at 6.30 Mass on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.**

**Doon Convent National School Parent's Council:** is raising money to buy urgent new computer equipment and iPad for our students. We are planning a Children's Fun Day in the GAA pitch on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> and the parent's council are holding a planning/brainstorming meeting in the school hall on this Tuesday night Feb 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Doon C.B.S. Primary School:** Application forms are now available for pupils wishing to enrol in Doon C.B.S. next school year. Apply to the school.

**Dún Bleisce Historical Society:** will hold a talk in the Fr. McGrath Hall on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm, the talk by Michael Hassett from Murroe is on "The Battles of Verdun and The Somme during World War 1. All are welcome.

**The Community Council:** elections are taking place once again. Election papers are being distributed and we would appreciate if you could return these to the various appointed places with your votes cast before Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please take time to think about being a member of the council. We need new people and fresh ideas.

**Scripture Study Reflection for Lent:** *Hearing Happening Hoping Cashel & Emly Lent 2017* in the Marian Hall, Tipperary Town on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March, @ 7.30p.m Facilitators: Mary Harrington, Joan Ryan, Sadie Moloney and Caherconlish Millennium Centre on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30p.m. Facilitators: Sr. Brenda O'Rourke and Frances O'Brien.

**St Vincent's Lisnagry** would like to thank all who contributed to their church gate collection last weekend. The amount collected was €970

**West Limerick 102fm:** Community Radio AGM will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Desmond Complex, Newcastle West @ 8pm. Sharp. All are welcome.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Gift yourselves a special Weekend together to boost and refresh your relationship. The next Weekend is in the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> March 2017. To book visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 087-7840408. Presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland.

**Doon GAA: Lotto:** Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. no's drawn 3-7-18-23, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €12,000. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Save the Dates:** A night at the dogs will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Limerick Dog Trace. Strictly Come Dancing on 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. in Doon community Centre.