

**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

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Dear Parishioner,

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town. To 'repent' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life. Its hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!' These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Feb:**

**Readers:**

**6:30pm** Chloe Byrne  
**9:30am** Donal Anderson  
**11am** Roisin Crowe

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Mai O'Dwyer/Cáit McMahon  
Neil Maher/Ann Hayes  
Patricia Murphy/Pauline Reale

**Anniversaries 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

**6:30pm** Rita & Matt Ryan, Reenavanna  
John & Mary McGrath, Carrigmore & Gurtavalla  
Josephine & Patrick Murphy & Kathleen Ryan  
**9:30am** For the People of the Parish  
**11am** Martin & Margaret Ryan, Croughmakeen Matthew Treacy, Foilaclera  
Mai & Ger Bray, Cliggen & Toher Rd  
Bridie Ryan, Lisowen

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Feb:**

Paddy McLoughlin Glasha Talann & Coolbawn  
Tommy Maher, Gurtavalla & his son Tomás  
John Hayes, Toomaline Lower

**CANDLEMAS DAY:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February is The Presentation of The Lord also known as Candlemas Day. Donations to defray cost of Candles in the church would be gratefully received. Also if you wish to have candles blessed please bring them to mass on that weekend.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is No Mass on Monday or Tuesday of the coming week.

**MASS CARDS:** Available in the sacristy

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

**AA:** Meeting every Friday night in St. Michael's Day Care Centre, Cappamore @ 8.30pm.

**YOGA:** continues every Thursday night 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Community Centre €7 pay as you go.

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP:** Church cleaning Monday next 27<sup>th</sup> Jan @10am (note change of day)

**ADORATION GROUP:** Adoration continues every Wednesday. People needed to fill the Wednesday 1-2pm time slot. If you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

**CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT:** This weekend at our 6.30 Mass we welcome the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils their parent's guardians and teachers as they have their enrolment ceremony as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We keep them all in our prayers over the coming months. **Confirmation** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. **First Holy Communion** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

**DOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** There will be a talk on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm by historian Micheal O'Sullivan from Hospital on the extraordinary life of Maurice Meade including his part in the Dromkeen Ambush.

**DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Are currently recruiting new members. At the moment, we have 12 volunteers and we are looking to expand our committee. We would welcome new ideas from anyone that would like to get involved or help out in community work and event planning. If you would like to get involved, please contact 086 3954205

**EAST LIMERICK RED CROSS:** will hold our AGM on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 7pm in the Community Centre, Cappamore. All welcome

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY:** The pupils of Doon Convent NS & C.B.S. are having a special day of celebration for Grandparents' of both schools and the community of Doon. It is part of Catholic Schools week. Mass will take place in the Parish Church @ 10:00am on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January with refreshments afterwards in Doon Convent NS. All are welcome and there will be parking in the school, graveyard car park and bus park.

**DOON CONVENT NS:** now enrolling for infants in 2020/2021. Forms can be attained from school and deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>

**DOON CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Old clothes collection continues until next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Bags of Clothes can be left in school shed at any time. **Split the Pot:** congratulations to our latest winner Ger Doyle picking up €310.

**DOON GAA:** are holding a **Bake Sale** in the Pastoral Centre after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds go to upgrading Defibrillator Equipment. Cakes etc. can be dropped from 5:30pm Saturday. **LOTTO:** no's drawn 1-9-18-22 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in Moore's Bar with a jackpot of €7,000

**FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING:** @ Cappamore Library. Did you receive a new digital device recently – iPhone, iPad, Tablet, Smart Phone? Do you know how to use it? Would you like to know more? Would you like to be able to navigate your way around your device confidently? Learn how to: search websites, send and receive emails, use popular apps like Skype, WhatsApp, send and receive photos and be safe online. Ballyhoura Development is delivering 'bring your own device' Digital Skills training in Cappamore Library. This training aims to give people the confidence, motivation and skills to take their first steps online. **Training is FREE** and will be delivered in small groups of 8 to 10 people, over 5 x 2-hour sessions. We hope to begin our next training on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. To book a place please contact Cappamore Library on 061-381586 or email [cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie](mailto:cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie)