



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—26th March 2017

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Dear Parishioner, 'As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth ...' The opening question of the disciples was, 'Who is to blame?' This is a common question in the media today; perhaps it is part of my own vocabulary. Jesus reminds his disciples, and us, that sometimes no one is to blame but that difficult situations present an opportunity for us to be drawn into God's presence.

Lord, there were times I was lost and found, was blind and then could see. Thank you. The man's blindness is cured, but the blindness of those who won't believe in Jesus remains. I think of how I grope, stumble, and am unsure of my direction unless I can rely on Jesus, the light of the world.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €990-many thanks. **Trocaire Boxes** are available as you leave the Church.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 1st/2nd April:

Readers:

6:30pm Eoin Doyle

9:30am Donie Anderson

11am Margaret Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon

Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan

Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney

Altar Servers: 1st/2nd April:

6:30pm James Collins, Bonnie Rose Crowe. Ciaran Hynes, Jamie Cahill.

11am Shauna & Tomas Lynch, Jack McPartland, Naoise Ryan, Ciaran Whelan

Anniversaries: 25th/26th March:

6:30pm Michael Crowe, Cooga.

Jim Maher, Coolnamona.

Mary & Michael Shanahan, Foilacleara &

Joe & Mai Favier, Glenflesk, Kerry.

9:30am John Slattery, Cooga.

Mary Anderson, Coolbane-30th Anniv.

11am Eileen McLoughlin, Hillview Grove.

Sr. Joan O'Meara, Toomaline & Liverpool

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Recently Married: congratulations to Marian Loughman & Michael Butler who were married in Doon on Fri. 24th March & Eileen Hoban & Jeremy O'Dea who were married in Doon on Sat. 25th March. We wish both couples health & happiness & many blessings on their marriages.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10am to 10pm. As a Lenten observance it may well be an opportunity for you to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Mulkear Outreach Group Chernobyl Children International: Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend. Your continued support is much appreciated

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

Social Dancing: continues every Wed. night in Doon Community Centre @ 8pm. Beginners welcome.

Building Rural Communities: Lessons from the World of Sport: is an Evening Conference taking place in MIC, Thurles, on Wed. 29th Mar. @ 7pm. Speakers include Pat Spillane, Anna May McHugh, Michael Ryan & John Hayes. Tickets must be pre-booked at 0504-21201.

JS Fitness & Performance: new training facility. Class schedule available on facebook & in local shops. Personal training also available. For more information call Joe (085) 7617485

The Team Limerick Clean Up: will take place again on Good Friday-14th April. Last year we had a wonderful turn out when 80% of all roads were picked for litter. This year's target is 100%. The pick-up will be lead by Doon Camogie Club, Doon GAA and Doon Tidy Towns. Everyone welcome. Pickers & gloves will be provided. More details later.

Dún Bleisce Historical Society: will hold their Annual General Meeting on Mon. 27th March @ 8pm in the Community Centre, all welcome.

Doon Friends of Lourdes: Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage 16th-21st June 2017. Names of people wishing to travel to Lourdes on Assisted Pilgrim Section, please contact Sandra Ryan (A) (087) 6448470 or Mairead Murphy (086) 8891047. Doon Friends of Lourdes Annual Church Gate collection will take place on the 8th/9th April. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Doon Community Council: after the recent nomination process for elections to the committee, 14 people have gladly accepted their nominations, leaving 3 places vacant. There will therefore be no need for elections for the next term of the committee. If anybody else is interested in joining the community council please contact any member or call (085) 1443470.

Building Rural Communities: Lessons from the World of Sport, is an evening conference taking place in MIC, Thurles on Wed. 29th March, which will look at the issue of regenerating rural Ireland. Speakers include Kerry football legend-Pat Spillane, managing director of the national ploughing championships-Anna May McHugh, Tipperary's all-ireland winning manager-Michael Ryan & rugby legend-John Hayes. The Conference begins @ 7pm. Tickets must be pre-booked through the College at (0504) 21201.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 20th Mar. no's drawn 9-16-17-26, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Jessie's Bar with a jackpot of €12,800. **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. Alternatively you can search for Doon GAA on TeamApp where you can also receive these alerts. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **It has finally arrived:** the much anticipated "A Night at the Dogs" will take place next Sat. night-1st April in Limerick dog track. Tickets available from committee members, tickets €10 each & juveniles are free on the night. Please support. A bus will run to & from the race track-please contact Jack O'Connell (086) 0749277 to book a seat, cost is €5 per person. **Club Limerick Draw:** Top prize €10,000 each month. Please support Doon GAA & Limerick GAA. Cost: €100 for the year. Contact Donal Anderson (086) 8421747 for more details.