



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-26th May 2019

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Dear Parishioner

In a verse preceding today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus why he will not show the whole world who he is. It's an excellent question. Surely this whole faith-journey experience and relationship with God would be far easier if there were fireworks and clear instructions. Jesus' response to the disciples is: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' This is the opening line of today's Gospel. It reminds us that what is required first is an inner relationship with God, so that God can come and make a home with us: 'we will come to them and make our home with them.' It is there where we discover who Jesus is. The peace (shalom) that Jesus gives to the disciples has a much richer meaning than we might first think. This 'shalom' is not simply a good wish for a nice evening; it is, rather, a peace that this world cannot offer. It is a peace that comes from a loving relationship with God; a peace of body, of mind and of spirit. Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them. In this way we, and the world, will come to see who Jesus is. 'When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of 'peace' – the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called shalom, and which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.'

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 1st & 2nd June:

Readers:

6:30pm Eoin Doyle

9:30am Marie Duggan

11am Catherine Tierney

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes

Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan

Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Anniversaries: 25th/26th May:

6:30pm

9:30am People of the Parish

11am Peggy & Jack English, Gurtmageira

1st & 2nd June:

Those sitting Leaving & Junior Cert exams

Denis O'Dwyer, Muine

Jerry & Nonie Tierney & deceased members of the Tierney Family

Michael English, Croughmorka

Recently Deceased: Jack Cunningham, Croughafoil whose funeral took place during the week. Sr Maria Goretti O'Malley, Missionary Franciscan Sister formerly of Glengar interred in New Jersey. May they rest in peace.

Doon & District Men's Shed: every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome.

Radio Marina Ireland: now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210

Mass Cards, Exam Cards & Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Legion of Mary: Rosary at the Grotto every Sunday evening @ 6pm during the month of May.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: Weekly clean up on Wed. evenings @ 7pm. Meet at the Church Gates @ 7pm, volunteers most welcome & needed.

Doon Hill Walk Takes place tonight Saturday 25th May @ 7:30pm. Registration at Community Centre on the evening. BBQ and music afterwards in The Local Bar. Proceeds on the night in aid of Doon Community Centre & Doon Men's Shed. Spot prizes for participants. All welcome.

Doon GAA: Lotto is now available online. Click into doon.limerick.gaa.ie & get the link or contact any committee member. This is our main fundraiser & we appreciate your continued support. Lotto No's drawn 12-16-18-24, no winner. Next week's jackpot €7,600. Draw will be held in Moore's Bar.

Doon Community Council: Councillor Brigid Teefy has arranged for Limerick Co Council to carry out a traffic survey on the main street in the coming weeks. To book the hall, astro-turf pitch, or any of the facilities or our birthday party package please contact (085) 1443470. Marquee hire also available.

The Belfrey Cafe: Your local cafe open daily - Tuesday to Sunday 10am-5pm. Support appreciated.

Doon Social Farm: are running a drop in for young people under 35 years old on Thursdays from 1-4pm all are welcome. Activities include planting, watering and maintenance jobs. Farm Open Day is on June 18th 2-4pm – more info coming soon. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the farm before the open day in June. If you would like to volunteer some time, please contact Jackie on 085 8618993.

Primary Schools Amalgamation: It is proposed that Doon Convent N.S. and Christian Brothers School may amalgamate. A community meeting will be held by the Trustees of both schools on Monday 10th June @ 7.30 p.m. in Doon Convent N.S hall in relation to the amalgamation of our primary schools. This meeting is open to all parents and members of the community.

Archdiocese of Cashel and Emlly 49th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019: From 15 - 20 June fully inclusive price €745. Booking forms are available in the sacristy or from Joe Walsh Tours at www.joewalshstours.ie or by telephone 01 2410811. **For the assisted / sick pilgrim section** please contact Fr Joe Tynan, Parochial House Kiltelly Co Limerick 061 384213. For anyone who is interested in becoming a helper to assisted pilgrims please contact Fr Jimmy for application form.

Safe Guarding: Safeguarding Policy in the Archdiocese and in the Parish: A concise policy leaflet is available in the church and on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Jane Hayes and Breda Purcell. The Diocese has introduced Child Friendly safeguarding leaflets and a poster, which can be found in the porch of the churches. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church. Please take the safeguarding newsletter which is available at church exits.

Visitation of the Sick in Hospitals & Nursing Homes: are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents. This is due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). 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.

Comfort Keepers: are seeking disabilities support carers in the Doon & surrounding areas. Are you looking to find a meaningful role? We are seeking kind, caring & considerate Disabilities Support Carers for positions. To apply online <https://comfortkeepers.ie/carer-application/#apply> or call the HR team at (061) 317712 to hear more about this rewarding role.

Wanted: host families for French student for 2 or 3 weeks during the summer. Contact Catherine at [0876255679](tel:0876255679) or email me at hostfamilies17@gmail.com