



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 27th January 2019

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Dear Parishioner, there is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e. all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom,' attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run-ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers : 2nd/3rd Feb:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Gerdie McGrath	Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon
Servers Sean & Sarah Ryan, Dense Hickey, Clodagh Purcell	
9:30am Pakie O'Brien	Eilín Uí Chuimín/Judith Ryan
11am Orla Kennedy	Patricia Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer
Servers Izzy O'Connor, Sarah O'Dea, Colin Dunne, Denis Blackmore	

Anniversaries: 26th/27th Jan.:	2nd/3rd Feb.:
6:30pm Rita & Matt Ryan, Reenavanna. Mary McGrath, Gurtavalla-6 th Anniv. Betty Breen, Lisowen.	Paddy McLoughlin, Glasha Talann-4 th Anniv. Kathleen & Paddy Ryan, Croughmakeen.
9:30am For the people of the Parish.	Lena, James & Kate Allis & deceased family Members, Carrigbeg.
11am John P. Hayes, Main Street.	Mary & Edmund Harding, Coolnamona. John Quigley, Lacka-10 th Anniv. Jer & Mai Bray, Cliggin & Toher Rd. Bridie Ryan, Lisowen-10 th Anniv.

Fri. 1st @ 7:30pm Con O'Connell, Cooga-Months Mind.

Obituaries: We pray for Eileen Crosse, Donohill (mother of Assumpta, Kilmoylan) who was laid to rest on Tue. 22nd Jan. May she rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Feast of St Blaise: Sun. 3rd Feb. Throats will be blessed after 9:30am & 11am Masses on Sunday. Next Friday-1st Feb. is First Friday of the month. Usual communion calls after 10am Mass. Novena & Devotions to our Lady of Perpetual Help during 7:30pm mass. Friday is also grandparents day & so

Mass is at 10am & the children of our primary schools will participate in the Mass. All grandparents are welcome.

Men's Shed: continue to meet every Mon. night @ 8pm in the Convent. All welcome

Doon GAA: Lotto No's drawn 11-21-26-28, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €4,200. **Ireland Lights Up:** continues every Thur. between 7-9pm until Thur. 21st Feb. All welcome. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection continues, any items of clothing, shoes, belts, bed sheets, curtains, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Doon CBS Primary School: The Parents Association will hold a cake sale at the Pastoral Centre after all Masses this weekend. Your support would be greatly appreciated. **Wed. 6th Feb.:** Book Launch of 'We are Writers' @ 7:30pm. Special guest & past pupil Paul McNamara will launch our book, all welcome to attend this book launch. The boys put huge effort in putting the book together. The CBS are delighted to be part of #AldiPlayRugby & need parents help. For every €30 spent in-store you will receive a token. Please send these into The CBS. We will receive PE equipment for our school, we could also win a training session with Paul O'Connell! @Aldi_Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland: Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.

Doon Community Council: Office services are not available in the community centre at present as Tús are not currently providing staff for this. Weekly classes as follows: Kettlebells-Mon. @ 9:30am & Wed. @7:30pm. Star Stage School Children's Drama-Wed. @ 4pm. Yoga-Thur. @ 7:30pm, Pilates-Thur. @ 9:30am, pay as you go. New members welcome to join. AGM will take place on Wed. 6th Feb. @ 8:30pm in the community centre. Halls, meeting rooms & astro turf available for rent. Birthday party package available also. Contact (085) 1443470 for bookings.

East Limerick Red Cross: We are holding an information meeting for anyone looking to try something new for 2019 and would like to invite you to come along to discuss joining the East Limerick Red Cross at the following venues: Mon. 4th Feb. @ 7:30 pm in Murroe GAA. Tue. 5th Feb @ 7:30pm in Millennium hall in Caherconlish & on Thur. 7th Feb. @ 7:30pm at Red Cross Office, 19 Main Street, Doon.

Doon Historical Society: Michael Hassett, Murroe will give a talk on Mon. 28th Jan. in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm on "The Armistice 1918-The Lead Up & Aftermath". All welcome.

Children's set dancing classes ceili, line dancing, sean nos waltz, jive etc. will take place in Cappamore Community Centre every Wed. @ 4:15pm. Adult dance classes for fitness & fun have resumed in the Muintire na Tire hall Murroe every Wed. @ 8:15pm.

Thomond Archaeological & Historical Society: will hold there for lecture of 2019 in Mary Immaculate College on 28th Jan. @ 8pm. The lecture will be about 'AWN Pugin & the Gothic Revival in Ireland'. Augustus W N Pugin (1812-1852) shaped Gothic architecture in Ireland, leaving his mark on landmark churches & other buildings across Ireland. The lecturer will be (Rev Canon Professor) Patrick Comerford, who is priest-in-charge of the Rathkeale & Kilnaughtin Group.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Sept. 4th-11th, half board accommodation €675 for bookings received before 1st Feb. Further details contact John O'Brien 086-8586304.