



## St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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**Dear Parishioner,** This Sunday's Gospel is about waiting. The season of Advent is about waiting for Jesus to be with us. However, we are not just celebrating the birth of Christ, we are also waiting for a great peace to reside in everyone's heart and God's Kingdom here on earth. This Gospel is asking us to wake up and to not fall asleep. Often we get distracted and do not take our connection with God that seriously. Today's Gospel is reminding us to focus always on our truth and on trying to live an authentic life. This means that we do not give endless hours to 'fake' identities, to the selfie culture or to the world of social media. Look to a family member, how can I help and show love right here, right now? Presents and decorations are a joy, but real joys are the moments of spiritual connections we have through prayer, fun times, chats with people we care about and waiting to celebrate the incarnation of God in Jesus.

**First Friday:** Friday next is the First Friday of December. Usual Communion calls after 9:30am Mass. Novena Prayers and Mass at 7:30pm.

**Offertory Collection:** Last Sunday's collection was €990, many thanks.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Dec.:

#### Readers:

6:30pm Jack O'Dwyer

9:30am Pakie O'Brien

11am Therese & Anna O'Dea

#### Servers 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Dec.:

6:30pm Aidan O'Connell, Gareth Thomas, Emma Hickey, Grainne O'Dwyer

11am Sean Óg Blackmore, Aoibheann Flint, Chloe Ryan, Cathal & Sean Sweeney

### Anniversaries/Months Mind:

#### 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Nov:

6:30pm Paddy Duggan, Cooga.

Maura & Danny Murphy, Bank Place.

Maura & John Hayes, Bank Place.

9:30am -

11am Fintan Ryan, Toomaline.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Dec:

Michael Ryan, Gurtnageire.

Denis & Alice Hayes & their son Pat.

Darragh O'Brien, Cooga.

Mairead Hayes, Lisowen.

John & Margaret Loughman,

Gurtnageire.

Michael Moloney, Toomaline.

**All Parishioners are invited:** to the Pastoral Centre after 11am Mass this Sun. morning for a cup of tea.

**Archbishop Kieran's Pastoral Letter—"Come to the Table":** is available at the doors as you leave. 3 nights of scripture reflection during Advent for the Tipperary Deanery of parishes will take place in the Marian Hall, Tipperary on Tuesdays - 29<sup>th</sup> Nov., 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7.30pm. It is hoped that each parish of the deanery will be represented. Ministers of the word may be particularly interested.

**Come and Become:** Enter Advent with the Holy Spirit'. 3 Advent Sundays at Glenstal Abbey (27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11 & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec). Talks in Monastery Library at 4.30 pm by Fr Luke McNamara, Tea/Coffee and Vespers. OSB. 061 621005 / [www.glenstal.org](http://www.glenstal.org)

**Rockbarton Garden Centre:** are hosting a boutique Christmas fair at their premises in Holycross, Bruff, Co. Limerick on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 11am to 4pm. There will be a variety of artisan Christmas themed stalls, children's storytelling and lots more. It promises to be a great family day.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Party:** will be held on Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass at 1pm. Invitations are available in all local shops & post office. Please let us know before 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. if you intend joining us. Invitations can be returned to any of the above or phone (086) 8460811 to confirm your place.

**Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa-Open Night:** Inviting all 6<sup>th</sup> Class Students along with their Parents to our **Open Night**, on **Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.00pm** regarding Enrolment for September 2017. Closing date for Enrolment is Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 2pm.

**Dún Bleisce Historical Society:** will hold a talk in the Fr. McGrath hall on Mon. night Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm. The talk on "After the Rising, Frongoch and the rise of Sinn Fein" will be given by Dr. Noreen Higgins. All are welcome

**JS Fitness & Performance Classes:** in Doon Community Centre. Total body conditioning-Tue & Thur. @ 7pm, bums & tums Wed. @ 9:30 & Sat. @ 10am, all welcome.

**Doon GAA: Lotto:** Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. no's drawn 1-4-10-21, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local with a jackpot of €9,400. **Season Ticket:** anyone wishing to order Club Season Ticket 2017 for Christmas please text your name to Orla ASAP (087) 8530577 (this is the last order to be in before Christmas). **Club AGM:** will take place on Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. @ 7:15pm, all welcome.