



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

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Dear Parishioner, It's perfectly understandable: Thomas is having trouble believing that Jesus has returned to be with his friends again. The disciples, who witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial, are now talking about having seen Jesus in the flesh again. It sounds impossible. Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, so of course he is doubtful. Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light – it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord.' His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God!' We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang onto our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May:**

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
<b>6:30pm</b> Patricia Collins	Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
<b>9:30am</b> Orla Treacy	John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
<b>11am</b> 1st Holy Communion Class	Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney

**Anniversaries: 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April:**

6:30pm Sean Kelly, 15 Hillview Grove.	<b>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May:</b>
Josie O'Donnell, Toher Rd.-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.	Paddy & Kathleen Ryan, Croughmakeen.
Ted Murphy, Mt. St. Joseph's-Anniv. & his wife Helen Murphy-Months Mind.	Maureen & Ned Morrissey, Toomaline.
9:30am Chrissie & Gerry Cummins, Carrigmore.	James Ryan, 34 Hillview Grove-2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.
11am Nonie Cummins, Toomaline.	Paddy Ryan-St. Fintan's Terrace-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
Thomas & Jerry McGrath, Clogher.	
Bridget English, Main St.	
Jim Quinlan Cappamore-recently deceased.	
Nora Ryan, Glengar.	

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> May @ 7:30pm – Paddy English, Coolnamona-Months Mind.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** next Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> May, usual communion calls after 9:30am Mass. Novena prayers & devotions during 7:30pm Mass.

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

**Radio Marina 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 next Sun.-5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns:** Weekly clean up on Wed. evenings @ 7pm. We will meet at the old CBS Secondary School to clean up the grounds, volunteers most welcome & needed.

**Doon GAA: Lotto** is now available online. Click into [doon.limerick.gaa.ie](http://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 9-15-24-25, no winner. Next week's draw will have a jackpot of €6,800. Club Membership: is now online. Please note that membership will close on 31<sup>st</sup> April. Ticket/draws for inter county matches will be restricted to paid up members.

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

**The Sacred Heart Messenger:** Ireland's biggest selling Religious Magazine for over 130 years have a free book "Sharing the Wisdom of Time" for all new subscribers. Complete & return forms which are available at church or apply by email to [sales@messenger.ie](mailto:sales@messenger.ie) or by phone 01 7758524.

**Yoga with Eileen B:** every Thurs. night in Fr. McGrath Hall from 7:30-8:30pm. All welcome.

**LCFE Cappamore Campus:** is now enrolling for full-time courses starting in Sept. Information morning on Tue. 30<sup>th</sup> April 10am-1pm. Apply online at [www.lcfe.ie](http://www.lcfe.ie), contact the College at 061 381272 or call into the Campus for further details.

**Doon Historical Society:** Tom Ryan, Newport will give a talk on Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> April in the Fr. McGrath Hall @ 8pm on "Using DNA to build your family tree". All are welcome.

**Doon Community Council:** To book the hall, astro-turf pitch, any of the facilities or our birthday party package please contact (085) 1443470. 9888

**Legion of Mary:** the rosary will be prayed at the Grotto every Sunday evening at 6pm during the month of May.

**Doon Friends of Lourdes:** Annual Church Gate Collection was €610. We thank you for your generous contribution & support. Anyone wishing to travel on the assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 please forward name ASAP to Sandra Ryan (A) (087) 6448470 or Mairead Murphy (086) 8891047.

**AA meeting:** New venue-St. Michael's Day Care Centre, Cappamore, starting on Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April @ 8:30pm & continues every Fri. night thereafter.

**New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** will be drawn up over the next few weeks. If you have any changes please contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898 ASAP.