



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 28th July 2019

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Dear Parishioner,

'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, we might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula, that they should recite. In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer.

After teaching the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, but the emphasis is on the power of praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptised: to pray for the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 3rd & 4th August:

Readers:

6:30pm Donal Ryan

9:30am Damian Richardson

11am Margaret Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mai O'Dwyer/Cáit McMahon

John Hayes/Bridget Duggan

Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

Anniversaries: 27th & 28th July:

6:30pm JJ Buckley, Main St

Biddy Maher, Coolnamona

9:30am Nellie & Billy Cummins, Coolnamona

11am Paddy Ryan Frank, Gurtavalla (1st)

Jack McDonnell Carrigmore (6th)

3rd & 4th August:

Jack Carey, Glengar and deceased family members

Bernadette King nee Carey whose funeral takes place in Surrey England on Aug 2nd

Maurice O'Connor, Moher

Julia & Edmund Murphy

Tom Hammersley

7:30pm Friday 2nd August: Breda Moloney, Toomaline - Month's Mind

Recently deceased: Please remember in your prayers Martin Ryan, 1 Togher Rd., Christy Cummins, Kill Co. Kildare & formerly Coolnamona and John Clancy Cappawhite late of Treacy's Butchers Cappawhite & Doon all whose funerals took place during the week. Joan Fitzmaurice nee Ryan, Doncaster and formerly Doon East who died in England during the week. Sympathies to all.

Mass Cards available in the Sacristy.

Friday next is First Friday: Usual Communion calls after Mass. Novena Prayers and devotions during 7.30pm mass.

Cemetery Mass: Thanks to all who attended helped & participated in our annual cemetery Mass.

Adoration Group: People needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. If you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

Doon GAA Lotto: No's drawn 15-20-24-28 no winner. Next week's jackpot €9,400. Draw will be held in Ger Doyle's Bar.

Summer SeisDún & BBQ 2019: in Moore's on Friday 16th August next in aid of Chernobyl Children International and Fr Johnny Sweeney's Missionary Work in Argentina. Support appreciated

Good Luck: to Limerick as they take on Kilkenny in the Senior Hurling Semi-Final in Croagh Park this Saturday Evening especially the Doon players Richie, Darragh, Pat, Mikey & Barry and to Adam English & Eddie Stokes who play with the Limerick Minors also against Kilkenny.

Doon Tidy Towns: Doon in Bloom Competition 2019: Design a Window Box, Hanging Basket, Flower Pot etc. Adult Prizes 1st €100 - 2nd €50. Children's Competition - Fairy Garden in 30 x 30 cm or 60 x 60 cm boxes. Flower Pots, Window Baskets or Shoes (Be Creative) Kids Prizes 1st €50 - 2nd €25. No Entry Fees. Competition Dates July 1st- Aug 17th 2019. Judging in Pastoral Centre on 18th August

Doon and District Men's Shed: Thanks to all who attended the flower arranging presentation last Monday night in association with Joe's Garden Centre. Usual meeting Monday night @ 8pm

Doon Community Council: Dates for your diary - Annual Coffee Morning & Cake Sale set for weekend of 31st August/1st September after all Masses in Jack Ryan's Bar. Donations of baked goods, turf and firewood would be most welcome for the coffee morning. Annual Scrap Metal Collection will take place on Saturday 5th October. Office services available on Mondays & Tuesdays 10am-1pm & 2pm-4pm and Wednesday 10am-1pm. For all bookings please contact 085 1443470.

The Mustard Seed: we wish to thank you for your generosity during our recent Church Gate Collection. The amount collected was €510. This will be given to Fr Zenon P.P. of Our Lady of Fatima Parish Togliatti, to help him continue with the interior works being carried out in the new Pope St John Paul II Catholic Church in Togliatti, Russia.

Visitation of the Sick in Hospitals & Nursing Homes: Hospitals & nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy.

Legion of Mary: The annual Catholic young adult conference takes place in All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin, the weekend of Sat. 31st August/Sunday 1st September. The conference is open to all young Catholics between 18 and 40 years. If interested please call to the pastoral center any Tuesday evening from 23rd July to 6th August from 8 - 9 p.m. and speak to a member of the Legion of Mary. Other details are on the poster on the church noticeboard.

Viatores Christi: would like to thank the people of Doon for their very generous contribution of €835 taken up at Masses last weekend.

Cappamore Show: Sat 17th Aug. All details on www.cappamoreshow.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 4th August 2019 @ 2.30pm, Anointing of the sick @ 3.00pm. Concelebrated Mass Chief celebrant, Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly.

Doon Historical Society: The Annual Summer Outing will take place on the 14th August and the destination is Wexford, taking in many sites of interest including Johnstown Castle and Agricultural Museum, Enniscorthy Heritage Centre, Vinegar Hill and Boulavogue. This is always a good day out. Please confirm booking to 087 2347072.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net