



### St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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Dear Parishioner, As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us. 'People see the gospel in our lives; let them read our lives. 'Pope Francis.

**Offertory Collection:** last Sunday €1,168, thank you for your contributions.

#### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May:

Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm Chloe Byrne	Paud Sweeney/Denise Buckley
Servers: Emma Hickey, Grainne O'Dwyer, Jamie Cahill	Tommy & Michael Ryan
9:30am Damian Richardson	Neil Maher/Ann Hayes
11am Holy Communion Class	Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer
Servers: Ciaran Whelan, Aidan Moloney, Izzy O'Connor,	Sarah O'Dea, Naoise Ryan

#### Anniversaries: 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Apr:

6:30pm Sean Kelly, Hillview Grove.  
9:30am Bridget English, Main St.

11am Thomas, Ellen & Jerry McGrath, Clogher.  
Nonie Cummins.

#### 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May:

Paddy Ryan, Croughmakeen.  
Deceased members of the Butler family  
Carrigbeg.  
Nora Ryan, Glengar.

**Dates:** First Holy Communion Day Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May. Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> May-Feast of Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers.

**Baptism:** Welcome to our Christian community Odhran Thomas O' Brien who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations to his parents Shane and Karen and the extended family.

**Recently Deceased:** we pray for Sadie Blaney nee O'Shea, St. Albans & formerly Toomaline. Her funeral took place in England recently. May she rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

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

**Cashel & Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. If you would be interested in volunteering as a helper with the pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Jimmy for more information.

**Date for your Diary:** Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima rosary rally for the protection of little babies in the womb at 6 O'clock, rosary continues ever Sun. @ 10:40am before Mass.

**Doon Community Council:** At the AGM of Doon Community Council, the following officers were appointed: Chairperson: Tim O'Brien, Secretary: Brian McMahon, Treasurer: Tony Berkery; PRO: Michael MacNamara, Hall Manager: Richard Hayes. **Youth Club:** continues every Wed. @ 6:15pm.

**World Meeting of Families:** please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) for full details of the WMOF Congress at the RDS in Dublin Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 10-18-20-30, no winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,200. Membership 2018: Adult Players: €50. Adult Non-Players & OAPs: €30. Juveniles/u18: €20, monies can be paid to Registrar, Patricia Murphy/Rob O'Connell.

**Doon Eucharistic Adoration Group:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10pm. Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord! You can contact any member of the Doon Parish Adoration Committee John O' Brien (086)8586304, Mary MacCleod (087)1767465, Marcia Mooney (086)4038420 to discuss same.

**Tickets for the Pope's Visit:** if you are interested in tickets for the Papal Events, ie. Festival of Families on Sat. evening 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. in Croke Park & the Final Mass on Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. in Phoenix Park. Please visit and refer all queries to the WMOF website [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets).

**National Annual Pilgrimage of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration:** Knock Shrine Co. Mayo on Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> April. The Pilgrimage theme is: The Family of Eucharistic Adoration. A bus is being organised with pick up points at various locations; if interested please ring Mary Jo Fahey at 062- 75282.

**Convent of Mercy Secondary School Doon-Reunion:** for anyone who attended the school up until 1965 will take place in Ballykisteen Hotel on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018, starting mid-day. Further information from [www.doonconventreunion.com](http://www.doonconventreunion.com)

**Holy Ghost Fathers Missionary Appeal:** I welcome Fr. Walter McNamara Holy Ghost Father who will preach & celebrate all Masses this weekend & take up a collection after Masses for the orders missions.

**First Friday:** Friday next is the First Friday with usual communion calls after 9:30am mass. Devotions and Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual help during 7:30pm Mass.

**Choose Life Newsletters:** These weekly newsletters are full of rich content and can be downloaded at [www.chooselife2018.ie](http://www.chooselife2018.ie).

**St. Michael's Day Care Centre Cappamore:** would like to sincerely thank all those who supported the recent Brendan Shine Concert.

**LCFE Cappamore Campus:** Will hold an open morning on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> May from 10am-2pm. Courses include Animal Care, Construction Technology, Nursing Studies, Childcare and many more. Apply online at [www.lcfe.ie](http://www.lcfe.ie). Phone the College any morning 9.30am-1.30pm on (061) 381272.

**Doon Historical Society:** Dr. Liam Irwin Historian & Lecturer in MIC will give a talk on "The Abduction of Heiresses in 18<sup>th</sup> Century County Limerick", on Thur. 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Community Centre Doon at 8pm - All are welcome.

**Dún Bleisce-"Mar a bhí agus mar atá":** A photographic record of Doon Parish is on sale now in Spar, Richardson's Butcher and Collins Pharmacy.

**Doon Convent N.S:** would like to invite all parents of children starting school in Doon Convent NS this coming Sept. to our induction presentation on Thur. 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 2:10pm in the school hall.