



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—29th January 2017

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Dear Parishioner, The Be-Attitudes: In today's gospel we are told many times that those who seem to be the most unfortunate in this world are actually the ones who are deeply and especially blessed by God. God will look after the grief stricken and the poorest of the poor in an abundant way. Does this turn my worldly values on their heads? What has my buckets list and my wish list got to do with this? Do I place too much value on such things?

One can surely understand how those who are poor suffering might have given up on God. But today, Jesus tells in the strongest of ways that God will never give up on those who are low and filled with pain and suffering. Furthermore, Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God belongs to those people. This message is strong and very powerful for our faith. Jesus urges us to have the right attitude. The great commandment of Jesus is to "love one another". This is what Jesus asked us to do in order to build the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught us a set of attitudes that we should have in order to 'be' in the Kingdom of God, the Beatitudes (Be-attitudes), and they are blessed by God, acting as a guide for us. The Beatitudes show us how to 'be' authentic people of faith who spread love and work for equity and justice across the planet. Maybe we might add this to our daily wish list?

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €972, many thanks.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 4th/5th Feb:

Readers:

6:30pm Eimear O'Connell & Fiona Clifford
9:30am Damian Richardson
11am Nicholas Roche

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes
John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
Marian Murphy/Noreen O'Dwyer

Altar Servers:

6:30pm Ciara & Caitlin O'Grady, Oran Ryan, Dylan Byrne
11am Shauna & Tomas Lynch, Jack McPartland, Naoise Ryan Ciaran Whelan

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: will be finalised this coming week so if you have any changes please contact Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898 ASAP.

Anniversaries/Months Mind:

28th/29th Jan:

6:30pm Mary McGrath, Gurtavalla.
9:30am John P. Hayes
11am Denis, Annie & Margaret Reale, Glengar
James Brennan, Tullaroan.

4th/5th Feb:

Paddy McLoughlin Coolbane.
Con & Kay O'Driscoll, Main St.
Bridie Ryan, Lisowen.
Matt Treacy, Foilacleara.
Mary Edmund & Mick Harding
Coolnamona.
Paddy O'Malley, Glengar.
Maureen Crowe, Carrigmore.

Recently Deceased: Bridget Gore nee Moloney, formerly Kilmoylan and Dan Carr, Maynooth & formerly Glengar (brother of John Carr & Jenny O'Meara) whose funerals took place recently. Sympathy to the bereaved. May they rest in peace.

No Morning Masses: from 6th to 10th Feb., due to 'Clergy Think In' gathering along with Archbishop Kieran. Please note that Mass on Tue. 31st Jan. will be at 10am. Fr. Jimmy will be in Lourdes for planning meetings from the 8th to 12th of Feb. If a priest is needed urgently during those dates please contact Fr. Dick Browne in Cappamore.

First Friday: next Fri. 3rd is the 1st Fri. of Feb. Usual communion calls. Novena prayers after 7:30pm Mass. Blessing of throats after both Masses.

Cake Sale: The Parents Council of CBS Primary School would like to thank all who supported the cake sale, a total of €1,728 was raised. We are holding "An Old Clothes Collection"-the final date for drop off is Fri. 3rd Feb. at 10am. Bags can be left in school shed at any time.

Archdiocese of Cashel & Emlly: Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16th-21st June. Fully inclusive Price €699. Booking forms available from: Joe Walsh Tours 143 Lower Baggott St. Dublin, Tel. Tel (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, The Parochial House, Church Street, Doon, Co. Limerick (061) 380165, application forms available for Assisted Pilgrim Section from the 14th Feb. Enquiries for this section: Rev. Joe Tynan, The Parochial House, Kiltteely, Co. Limerick (061) 384213

JS Fitness Classes: in Doon Community Centre on Tue. @ 6:45pm Beginners, 7:30pm Insanity. Wed. @ 9:30am Bums & Tums. Thur. @ 6:45pm Beginners, 7:30pm Insanity. Fri. @ 9:30am Bums & Tums. Sat. @ 6pm Cardio-Strength-Core. All classes €5.

Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns: will hold their AGM on Mon. 30th Jan. in Doon Community Centre at 8pm. All welcome especially anyone who may have ideas as to how we can up our marks & any thoughts on how the village & surrounds can be improved.

"Give us a Song": Fundraiser for cancer research, in Hogan's Bar, Oola on Sat. 4th Feb. @ 9:30pm, all support appreciated. For more info. see www.thecarolinefoundation.com.

Social Dancing Classes: every Wed. night @ 8pm in Doon Community Centre, beginners welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 6th to 13th Sept. departing from Shannon €659 for bookings received before 1st Feb. Contact John O'Brien, Cooga (061) 380614.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: continues in our Parish Church every Wed. from 10am until 10pm. While presently all the hours are covered we need new people to replace those who cannot come anymore due to ill health etc. Would you consider committing one hour a week to the Lord? As St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said; "Spend as much time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His Power". For information call: John O'Brien 380614, Mary MacCleod 380987, Marcia Mooney 380382.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 23rd Jan. no's drawn 5-6-8-10, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Whelan's Bar with a jackpot of €11,200. **National Draw Tickets:** are currently been sold by members at €10 each, all proceeds from the draw are retained by the club. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. Oisín McConville will deliver a very informative talk on Gambling in the GAA on Thur. 23rd Feb. @ 8 pm in Doon Community Centre.