



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon-30th April 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Having read today's Gospel story it can be suggested that we can all connect with the two people in it because, at some time in our lives, we have all experienced a time of discouragement or were in a state of anxiety about something. God knows we need and enjoy a bit of encouragement. In this Gospel Jesus gives encouragement to two of his disciples. He helps them along and lets them know that there is always hope. At first the disciples did not recognise that the person speaking with them was Jesus but when he broke bread with them they immediately realised it was indeed Jesus raised from the dead. Jesus fulfilled all his promises and beat death on a cross. He showed us that hope is always there, that he is always there walking beside us even when we don't know it is him. Reading the Gospel today we can ask God to help us be open to the footsteps of Jesus journeying alongside us through thick and through thin. Lord, grace me with the openness of hope and the ability to embrace its rays as it shines on us each and every day. Lord, help me to accept that not all crosses can be taken away, that sometime we must carry our cross with Jesus to help us and the Holy Spirit to guide us. Lord, thank you for your holy Son who showed me that death is a new beginning in hope and love.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €978-many thanks.

Mass: Mon. 1st of May is a Bank Holiday there is NO morning Mass. Masses as usual on Tue., Wed. & Fri. **First Friday:** Friday next is the 1st Fri. in May. Usual communion calls. Mass at 9:30am & 7:30pm. Evening Mass includes Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Devotions. **First Holy Communion:** will take place on Sunday 7th May at 11am.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: for 6th/7th May:

	Readers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
6:30pm	Marie Claire Hayes	Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon
9:30am	Mary Lysaght	Nora Coffey/Bridget Duggan
11am	Holy Communion Children	Patricia Murphy/Pauline Reale

Altar Servers:

6:30pm	Sean & Tommy Ryan, Niamh Kelly & Shauna Ronan
11am	Cathal Hayes, Aidan & Sean Moloney

Anniversaries: 29th/30th April:

6:30pm	Sean Kelly-Hillview Grove. Kathleen Clarke, Cooga-Months Mind.
9:30am	Michael & Josie Mai O'Dwyer. Pat Butler, Carrigbeg & deceased Members of the Butler family.
11am	Nonie Cummins, Toomaline. Ellen Thomas & Jerry McGrath. Bridget English, Main Street. Nora Ryan, Assumption Tce.-Months Mind

6th/7th May:

Michael Kelly, Lacka
Paddy Ryan, Croughmakeen.
Josephine & Michael Ryan, Cooga.
Nora Ryan, Glengar.

Obituaries: Joe Fitzgibbon, Glengar who was laid to rest on Wed. 26th. Val Hogan, Ennis (brother of Anne Ryan) who was laid to rest on Thur. 27th. James Ryan Buckley, Toomaline who was laid to rest on Fri. 28th. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10am to 10pm. If you would like to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Archdiocese of Cashel & Emlly: Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16th-21st June. Fully inclusive Price €699. For more information contact Joe Walsh Tours, Dublin, Tel. (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, Doon (061) 380165.

Social Dancing: continues every Wed. night in Doon Community Centre @ 8pm.

Enrolment & Information Day: will take place in LCFE Cappamore Campus for all QQI Level 5 Courses on Wed. 10th May from 10am to 4pm. Courses commencing Sept. 2017. Apply online at www.lcfe.ie or ring the college 061-38127.

Doon ICA: Walk in Kilmoylan Wood for Breast Cancer awareness on Fri. 5th May @ 8pm, starting at Doon Community Centre. Refreshments served afterwards in Community Centre. All welcome.

Doon Community Council: are holding their annual monster table quiz in all five pubs, on Fri. 5th May, starting at 9:30pm. Table of 4 €20 per table.

Doon Community Text Alert: the following officers were elected at the recent AGM. Chairperson: Jack Ryan, Asst. Chairperson: Con Horrigan, Secretary: Denis Duggan, Asst., Secretary: Josephine Morrissey, Treasurers: Sheila Ryan & Catherine Ryan B, PRO: Francis Cummins. We wish the new committee the very best for their coming year. Please remember that text alert subscriptions are now due so if you wish to continue receiving these important texts-the cost for annual subscription is €10 and can be paid at Doon Post Office.

Doon Study Hub: up & running at T.Hayes premises Main Street, Mon.-Fri. 4pm-8pm, Sat. & Sun. 10am-2pm/2:30pm-6:30pm. Homework Club: now starting for 4th, 5th & 6th Class Students Mon-Fri. 3pm-4pm for as little as €3. For more information call (087)9855522 or email: doonstudyhub@gmail.com

Blood Transfusion Service: would like to thank the 51 who donated at their recent clinic.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 24th April no's drawn 4-10-19-21, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Jesse's Bar with a jackpot of €13,800. **Fixtures & Results:** will be sent out by text -for weekday & weekend fixtures each week. If you would like to receive these texts please text your name to (087) 7818652. Alternatively you can search for Doon GAA on TeamApp where you can also receive these alerts. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Club Limerick Draw:** Top prize €10,000 each month. Please support Doon GAA & Limerick GAA. Cost: €100 for the year. Contact Donal Anderson (086) 8421747 for more details.

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