



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 30th Dec. 2018

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Dear Parishioner, I came across a poem recently which went as follows:

“Jesus was a happy child, when he was small like me, he used to laugh and run around, and sometimes climb a tree, running here, running there, having fun like you and me”. There was a verse also about his mother bringing him to school on his first day. The aim of the poem is to clearly remind us that Jesus was a real child who did all the things that other children do. In theological terms, it impresses on young and not so young minds the humanity of Jesus, even as we hear and listen to the stories of the healings and miracles that expressed his divinity. This poem fits in nicely with today’s Gospel. The story of the finding in the Temple is the only one we have from Jesus’ childhood, so it takes on greater significance. It is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story, highlighting a typical family incident while also setting the scene for Jesus’ future mission. What parent hasn’t felt the panic of discovering their child is missing, and then been overcome with relief when they were found? But the story ends with the realisation that Jesus is far from ordinary. His parents don’t understand his cryptic reference to ‘my Father’s affairs’, but Mary stores up ‘all these things’ in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God. We are left, with Mary and Joseph, to ponder who this child really is.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful New Year. Thanks to all who give of their time and talents to help make Doon a better place to live. Thanks to all who contribute to the running of our parish. Servers, readers, eucharistic ministers, collectors, singers and choir, cleaners, flower arrangers, newsletter, adoration group, St Vincent de Paul, safe guarding reps, envelope distributors, and the various clubs and organisations within our community and our Sacristian. May we have opportunities during the coming year like Mary and Joseph to ponder who this child really is.

Offertory Collection: Amount collected on the weekend will no longer be published publicly for security reasons. If anyone would like to know the amount collected on a weekend feel free to ask Fr Jimmy.

Masses for the coming week: NO Mass Mon. Morning 31st Dec. Mass New Years Day @ 10am. Mass Wed. @ 9:30am & 1st Fri. @ 9:30am & 7:30pm.

New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: available from the sacristy or if you would like it emailed, please text your name & email to Patricia Murphy (086) 8338898.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 5th/6th Jan.:

Readers:

6:30pm Paud Sweeney

Servers: Iseult & Oran Ryan, Ciaran Hynes, Ciaran O’Dwyer

9:30am Damian Richardson

11am John O’Brien

Servers: Padraig & Sean Hanley, Jessica & Joshua McLoughlin

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mai O’Dwyer/Cait McMahon

Margaret Loughman/Marie Ryan

Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

Anniversaries: 29th/30th Dec.:

6:30pm: John & Maura Hayes, Bank Place.

9:30am Patrick & Elizabeth Reale,

Assumption Tce.

11am Maureen Crowe, Carrigmore-2nd Anniv.

Tom Ryan & wife Bríd Gurtavalla-

Months Mind.

Fri. 4th Jan: Con & Key O’Driscoll-2nd Anniv. @ 9:30am Mass

5th/6th Jan 2019:

Nora & John Thompson, Bank Place.

Andy & Nora Mai Murphy, Lacka.

Peggy O’Dwyer, Carnahalla.

Nancy Beresford- Months Mind.

Michael Quigley, Toomaline.

Con O’Brien, Coolnamona.

Margaret Cummins, Carrigmore.

Sean, Gillian & PJ Richardson, Lacka.

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

Doon GAA: Lotto No’s drawn 8-14-22-28, no winner. Next week’s draw will be held in GD’s Bar on Tuesday 1st Jan 2019. **Annual Family Fun Walk/Run:** will take place New Years Day 2019. Walkers start @ 1pm & runners @ 2pm. Registration open @ 12:30pm. Refreshments in Fr. McGrath Hall afterwards. All welcome.

“Bleisce”-Doon Parish Journal 2018: is now on sale. Thanks to all who helped with this publication & placed ads in it.

Listening Process: Listening Gatherings have now taken place in all 46 parishes of our diocese. You are welcome to have your say online & to help plan the future of our parishes in Cashel and Emly by visiting www.cashel-emly.ie – just follow the links to our Listening Questionnaire. This stage of our Listening Process will conclude on Dec. 31st & feedback will commence in Spring 2019. With thanks to all who have participated in our Listening Process as we seek to plan a way forward.

First Holy Communion: will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5th May 2019. Enrolment for First Holy Communion Sat. 26th Jan. @ 6:30pm Mass.

Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy.