



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—30th July 2017

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Dear Parishioner,

This Sunday's Gospel shares three different parables. Each parable names something that describes the kingdom of God. Through these parables Jesus explains to us that to know God and to live according to the Gospel are the most precious things in life. Over the past number of Sunday's Jesus has been urging us to listen, to take note and to prepare ourselves to enter into the kingdom of God. Through Jesus and the Gospel, we come to know and understand what the real meaning of life is, what the most important things in life are. We know we have read this parable before. Jesus says, 'Yes, of course you have!' But Jesus is asking us again, 'have you really heard it?' This is the task Jesus is urging us to embrace. When we listen to the Gospel, it is of ultimate importance to hear it in every sense of the word. This means praying in response to it, living in accordance to it, and finally, loving God in and through our relationships and actions with each other in a free and all-embracing way. That is what having ears to listen actually means. Have we ears to listen, and to actually hear?

Offertory Collection: €906.00. Thank you for your generosity it is very much appreciated. A second collection will be taken up this weekend for Trocaire emergency appeal for famine relief in Africa.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 5th/6th August:

Readers:

6:30pm Paud Sweeney

9:30am Donal Anderson

11am Emma Kennedy

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paud Sweeney/Denise Buckley

Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod

Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney

Altar Servers: 5th/6th August:

6:30pm Aidan O Connell, Gareth Tomas, Emma Hickey, Grainne O Dwyer, Bonnie Rose Crowe.

11am Martin and Isobelle Maher, Roisin Doyle, Conor Kennedy.

Anniversaries: 29th/30th July:

6:30pm JJ Buckley, Bakery, Main St.

9:30am

11am

5th/6th August:

Denis & Nora Coffey, Anna Coffey & Sr Dymna Kilbride

Paul Maher, Toher Rd 9th Anniversary

Month's Mind: Mass for Jerry O'Connell on Friday 4th August @ 7:30pm

Recently Deceased: Pray for John Slattery, Lattin whose funeral took place during the week

First Friday: is next Friday 4th August. Mass @ 9:30am followed by usual communion calls. Evening Mass @ 7:30pm with Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Devotions.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community Amelia Mae Cawley, Wood Rd, Glengar who was baptised last Sunday. Congratulations to her parents Angela & James and her family.

If anyone is housebound, in hospital or in a nursing home please let Fr Jimmy know if they would like a visit

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Michelle Ryan, Cliggan and Paul O'Sullivan, Killorglin, Co Kerry who were married in Doon on Friday. We wish them many blessings as they begin their lives together as husband and wife.

Cemetery Mass: A big thank you to all who helped in any way with the organizing and the preparation for the Cemetery Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Please pick up a leaflet and contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Amoris: Let's talk family! Let's be family!: You are cordially invited to an exciting and interactive journey of reflection on love, marriage and family which will run locally in every diocese in Ireland in September 2017 and is also available online. Visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris

Volunteer Now: Would you or could you volunteer to help when Pope Francis visits our country from 21 – 26 August 2018 for the World Meeting of Families. Information leaflet available as you leave the church or lookup www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer

Our Lady of Fatima Centenary Celebrations: 13th May 1917 – 13th May 2017 – To celebrate the centenary the Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on the 13th day of each month from May until October @ 6pm. The Pilgrim Statue of Our lady of Fatima is available to visit your home for these few months. If you would like to host the statue in your home for a week please put your name address and contact details on the sheet as you leave the church.

School Reunion: Did you do your Leaving Cert in Doon CBS or Doon Convent of Mercy in 1987? If you did, your reunion is on **Saturday 23rd September, 2017** @ the GN Ballykisteon Golf Hotel. Further information and tickets available from doon1987reunion@gmail.com or on our Facebook page Doon 1987 Reunion.

Lough Derg 2017: You may begin the 3 Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sun. 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Call Maureen or Lorraine on (071) 9851518, email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Doon Historical Society: Annual Summer Outing on the 9th August to Kilkenny, taking in Kilkenny Design Centre, Kilkenny Castle, St. Canice's, Road Train etc. Please confirm booking to 087 2347072

Doon Community Council: are hosting a **Cake Sale and Tea/Coffee Morning** in Jack Ryan's Bar this Sunday 30th July from 9.30am onwards. Support greatly appreciated. **Note for Diary:** Dust off those walking shoes - **7k Walk** followed by BBQ & music in the Local in aid of the Community Centre and the 95 Stop Tour on Saturday 12th August. More details next week.

Jack McDonnell Tournament: Thanks to everyone who took part and helped out in the Jack McDonnell tournament on Sat 22nd July which was held in Doon GAA pitch. The day was a huge success. Carmel and John.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 24th July. no's drawn 3-4-19-26, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local with a jackpot of €2,600. **Congratulations:** and Well Done to Barry Murphy & Eoghan McNamara who represented Limerick in the U21 Munster Final last Wednesday night beating Cork.

PLEASE NOTE: Notes for Newsletter - To guarantee inclusion in newsletter, notes to be emailed or dropped to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday Evening.