



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

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Dear Parishioner,

Those of us who are procrastinators will identify with today's Gospel. We have the best of intentions, but somehow our 'to do' list for today keeps getting pushed out until tomorrow, and the next day, and the next week. There is always an excuse, or something more urgent that needs to be done. The things that we do not prioritise get relegated to the bottom of the list, and sometimes drop off altogether, so that they never get done. In Luke's Gospel, when Jesus invites people to follow him, he gets some similar responses – 'I'll be right with you, I'll add it to my 'to do' list. 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me...' The excuses these people give are far from feeble: one wants to go and bury his or her father first, another simply wants to say goodbye to their family. But Jesus has what sound like very harsh words for these predicaments. There is no time, there can be no excuses, this is more important. Discipleship is a path that requires sacrifice. It is a path that means living in a new and different way. Rather than focusing on the past, we need to move forward and get on with the task. Jesus tells us: 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' There is work to be done, and it cannot wait. People who are hungry, homeless, marginalised or suffering cannot wait. The earth cannot wait. Our 'to do' lists need to be shaken up. If we are to live as disciples, the time is not tomorrow, it is now.

**First Friday:** Next Friday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday for the month of July. Usual Communion calls after 9.30 Mass. Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and devotions during 7.30pm Mass.

**Mass Cards available in the Sacristy.**

**Annual Cemetery Mass:** Please let family and friends know the Annual Cemetery Mass will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of July @ 7.30pm. It will take place in the Parish Church if weather is not suitable.

**Anniversaries: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

6:30pm Sarah & Tom Hogan, Dromwood

9:30am People of the parish

11am People of the parish

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July:**

Mary Treacy Commonaline & her brother Michael Donovan, Newtown

Paddy Ryan Bawn, Toher Rd (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Jimmy Ryan, Reenavanna (9<sup>th</sup>)

Teresa Lenihan Cooga Anniversary

Kitty Ryan, Toomaline Lower & daughter

Catherine McGrath, Celbridge

Denis Ryan, Glengar

Kathleen Stokes, Clonlusk

**Adoration Group:** People needed to fill in the following times please. Wednesday 1-2pm. If you can help please contact John 086 8586304, Mary 087 1767465, or Marcia 086 4038420.

**Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Cost €20. Contact Joan @ 061-380201

**Doon GAA: Lotto** No's drawn 5-20-21-23 no winner. Next week's jackpot €8,600. Draw will be held in Moore's Bar.

**Doon Community Council:** On last Saturday night, presentations were made to Dr. O' Brien & secretary Helena to acknowledge their service to the people of Doon. The presentations were made during Mass by Fr. Jimmy Donnelly PP, Tim O'Brien (chairperson Doon Community Council) & Peggy Sweeney (editor Doon Parish Journal). The presentations & reception in the community centre were co-funded by Doon Community Council, the editorial committee of Bleisce, Doon GAA, Doon & District Men's Shed & Doon Youth Club. Thanks to all who contributed to & helped in any way towards the success of the night. All the wonderful food, especially the home baking was much appreciated. It proved to be a great community evening with a large attendance from the local & surrounding area.

**Dr. John and Christine O'Brien:** would like to thank everybody for their support and kindness for the past 34 years, and for all your cards and gifts on my retirement. We would like to extend a sincere thanks to Fr Donnelly and Doon community Council for their mass and presentation last Saturday evening and for making it a very memorable occasion.

**Helena:** I would like to thank everybody for a wonderful time last Saturday night. It was a night that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I was so overwhelmed and emotional by it all. Many thanks for the lovely texts, phone calls and gifts. I had a super 20 years working with all of you and I enjoyed going to work every day. Together we have shed tears and we also had lots of laughter. Again, many thanks

**Doon Tidy Towns:** There will be a clean-up of Kilmoylan Woods next Wednesday night 3<sup>rd</sup> July @ 7.00pm. If you are willing to help, we will meet at the Toher Road side of the walk. People with strimmer's, chain saws or hedge trimmers urgently needed. **Doon in Bloom Competition 2019.** - Design a Window Box, Hanging Basket, Flower Pot etc. Adult Prizes 1st €100 - 2nd €50. Children's Competition - Fairy Garden in 30 x 30 cm or 60 x 60 cm boxes. Flower Pots, Window Baskets or Shoes (Be Creative) Kids Prizes 1st €50 - 2nd €25. *No Entry Fees.* Competition Dates July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup> 2019. Judging in Pastoral Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 12 Noon.

**Viatore Christi:** Viatore Christi is an association of Catholic lay missionary development workers, founded in 1960 and recruits, prepares and facilitates the placement of lay people who wish to serve in areas of need in Africa, Asia and South America and they will be here to raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas. To thank the people of the Cashel and Emly Diocese for their support for this work over the years To offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer their time, skills and talents To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer. **There will be a collection in aid of their work. Members of Viatore Christi will speak at Masses during the Saturday Vigil Masses and the Sunday Masses on July 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup>**

**Comfort Keepers Homecare:** are holding a Recruitment Open Day in the Newport Community Centre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 10am-3pm. Interviews will be held on the day. We are looking for enthusiastic and caring people to join our Homecare Team with our Disabilities and Older Persons services in the Newport and surrounding areas. This is an opportunity to work with clients in your own community. Comfort Keepers is a multi-award-winning company including the Home Care Provider of the year 2017, For more information please contact the HR team at Tel- 061 317712

**Yoga with Eileen B:** continues every Thursday night from 7:30 to 8:30 in the community centre.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to F Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend. Email to doonparishnewsletter@eircom.net