



**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

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Dear Parishioner, The Elder Son: Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However, the Father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love for the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost. Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative: where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice: to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome. 'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power ... that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 246).

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Readers:**

**6:30pm** Mary Hayes

**9:30am** Mary Lysaght

**11am** Emma Kennedy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Joan Hogan/Mary Hayes

Neil Maher/Ann Hayes

John O'Brien/Eddie Stapleton

**Anniversaries: 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March:**

6:30pm Kathleen Clarke, Cooga.

Norah Ryan, Assumption Tce.

**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April:**

James Buckley, Glengar.

James Carew, Main St.

Fr. Sean Sweeney, Liscaugh & his parents Paddy & Nancy.

9:30am For the People of The Parish.

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11am Eileen McLoughlin, Hillview Grove 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Paddy Ryan, Muine.

**First Friday:** Fri. next is First Fri. with usual communion calls after 9:30am Mass. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Devotions during 7:30pm Mass.

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

**Radio Marina Ireland:** Your Catholic Radio Station is pleased to announce that we are now available via TV – Saorview (Freeview) Channel 210

**First Holy Communion:** will be celebrated @ 11am on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Dún Bleisce Tidy Towns:** The annual Team Limerick clean up sponsored by JP McManus takes place on Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, full details of the day's events will be announced later. A weekly clean up will begin next Wed.-6<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm, we will meet at the old CBS Secondary

School to clean up the grounds, volunteers most welcome & needed. We will be meet every Wed. night for the foreseeable future please do join us.

**Doon GAA:** Lotto No's drawn 2-4-13-27, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €6,000. **Cash for Clobber:** annual clothes collection continues, all support would be greatly appreciated. Club Membership: is now online. Please note that membership will close on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Ticket/draws for inter county matches will be restricted to paid up members. **Best of luck:** to Limerick hurlers who play Waterford in the Allianz League Final, today-especially to our clubmen: Richie English, Darragh O'Donovan, Barry Murphy, Pat Ryan & Mikey O'Brien. **Congratulations:** to our U21 team & management who won the Mint Catering Premier U21 Hurling Championship, defeating Na Piarasigh 2-10 - 1-11.

**Mass Cards, Exam Cards & Easter Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy.**

**Archdiocese of Cashel and Emlly:** 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June. Booking forms available in the sacristy or Joe Walsh Tours at [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) or by telephone 01 2410811. For the assisted/sick pilgrim section please contact Fr. Joe Tynan, Parochial House Kiltely Co Limerick 061 384213. Anyone who is interested in becoming a helper to assisted pilgrims please contact Fr. Jimmy.

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**The Diocesan Listening Process Feedback:** will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish. The evening will consist of a presentation on our Diocesan Listening Process Report followed by discussion on our next steps. All are welcome & encouraged to participate in our discussions as we chart out a path for the future of Cashel & Emlly.

**Legion of Mary:** will hold a meeting on Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 8pm in the Pastoral Centre. This meeting will make their annual consecration to Our Blessed Lady. All auxiliary members are welcome to join.

**Study Hub:** open weekly Tue. 4pm to 8pm, Wed. & Thur. 3.30pm to 7.30pm, Sat. 9.30am to 1.30pm. Limited places available. Phone 087 1300103 or check out our Facebook Page.

**Darkness into Light 5 km:** walk takes place nationwide on Sat. May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:15am. Murroe Village is a venue in East Limerick. Register at [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie)

**Mothers Day:** we wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day & thank them for what they do for us. For mothers who have returned to God we remember them in our prayers today & pray they are being rewarded now for their goodness and kindness to us.

**Milford Hospice Shop:** stocks great bargains & ideal gifts for all the family, including clothes, shoes, household items & giftware to suit everyone's pocket. If you are in the midst of a spring clean and de-clutter, we would be delighted to accept your once loved items such as clean clothes, saleable household items or indeed bric a brac. Our Shop relies on the generosity of our supporters who donate their second-hand & brand new goods for re-sale. You can contribute by donating your goods directly to Milford Hospice Shop, 22 Thomas Street, Limerick, between the hours of 9 to 5 Mon-Sat.

**Lost:** large bunch of keys on a red key ring. If found could they be handed into the Post Office.