

**Saturday 14th December 6.30**

Brendan O'Connell anniversary

**Sunday 15th December 11.00**

**Saturday 21st December 6.30**

Fr Tom Ryan former PP anniversary

Patrick & Elizabeth Reale Assumption Terrace & their daughter Nancy & son in law

Tommy Shanahan anniversaries

John and Sarah Sullivan, Kilmoylan, anniversaries

**Sunday 22nd December 11.00**

Ellen McGrath Clogher anniversary

Mary & James Carr & their daughter Mary Ita & their son Dan Glengar anniversaries

John Ryan Gurtavalla and Edinburgh anniversary

**Masses this coming week:**

**Monday, & Wednesday 9.30.**

**Mass Times in Doon for Christmas 2024**

24th December Christmas Eve Masses at 5.30 and 7.30pm

25th December Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am. **Please note the change of time for Christmas Day.**

**There will be no masses for the remainder of the week until 6.30 on Saturday 28th December.**

Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers for next weekend: Please refer to your rota.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday in the parish church from 3 p.m. to 7p.m. Maybe in preparation for Christmas during this Holy Season of Advent your gift to Jesus could be your presence before Him in the Holy Eucharist, even for a short time. "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.' St. Teresa of Calcutta.

**Weekly Envelopes:**

Your financial support for your parish is very much appreciated and every contribution makes a difference. Please make cheques payable to Doon Parochial A/C. Basket collection taken up at weekend masses. Donations can also be made via parish website. Collection last weekend was €850. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Clergy Collections**

**Next** weekend 21/22 December is the last Priests Collection of the year. The Target set for this parish by the Archdiocese is €20,460. These collections make up the Common Fund from which all priests in the diocese active, retired or sick receive an allowance on the last Friday of each month. To date the sum of €12,040.10 has been collected. I thank all who have contributed so far. Hopefully we will get close to the Target. Shortfalls are made up from parish funds.

**Invitation to join the Parish Choir:** You are cordially invited to join the Doon Parish Choir. Preparation for Christmas will commence on Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Parish Church.

**Doon Community Council Notes:**

For bookings of hall or Astro Turf pitch: please text/phone 085 755 7318. Bookings must be made in advance.

Doon Community Council would like to thank all who helped out with the Senior Citizens Christmas party. Thanks to MB Catering, Fr. Jimmy, Deacon Tom, the choir and Chris Byrnes for the entertainment. Thanks to Doon ICA and Pat O'Dea Line Dancing who donated money towards the event and thanks to all who sponsored spot prizes. The recent scrap metal collection raised a total of €7,600 to go towards running costs and ongoing improvements for the community centre and playground. Recently, we have finished paying the long term loan and the community centre is now debt free. This is a major achievement and we would like to thank the community for their ongoing support in helping us reach this point.

**Community Café** (10:00 - 14:00) Friday's Only at Doon Social Farm. Donations to support farm upkeep and care of the animals. All are welcome

**Doon and District Mens Shed**

Monday 8pm, meet in the Shed at the Old Convent building, followed by chat, cuppa, cards and pool. Tuesday 10am, walk around GAA pitch followed by cuppa in the Shed. Wednesday 12 noon, Art in the Shed. Thursday 2pm, workshop in the Shed. 2-4pm, Gardening in Cappamore Polytunnell. Friday 8pm, cards, pool and archery in the Shed. Monday and Friday 10am, Doon Gym €5 entry. New members always welcome. See Facebook and Google Maps for further details.

**Doon GAA Note**

Keepsake of Doon GAA historic maiden SHC title win are available. Contact Eamonn 086-8130452

**Doon GAA Victory Dinner Dance** Sunday 2nd February 2025 at the Radisson Hotel Limerick. Music by Traffic and DJ.. Tickets €100 are on sale now online or will be on sale in the clubhouse Tuesday night from 7 to 8.

**Lotto Numbers Monday, December 9th** 2024. Lotto Tickets can be purchased in Doon at Lenihan's Centra & Damien Richardson Butchers. Cut Off time for Online Sales is 8pm every Monday. Jackpot €2,200. Numbers Drawn 1-4-9-19. Six Match 3 @ €30 each. 1. Denis Kennedy, Cooga. 2. Kitty Cranley c/o Mike Ryan. 3. Patsy Howard, Dublin (Online). 4. Anna Moore, Main St. 5. Mike Carew, Glengar. 6. Liam & Lucia Whelan c/o Whelans. 10 Lucky Dips at €20 each. 1. Tom Richardson, Shanclune. 2. Joanne Coffey, Carnahalla (Online). 3. Tim Crowe, Carrigmore (Online). 4. Darren O'Brien c/o Mike Ryan. 5. Eilish

Hayes, Moanduff. 6. Jack O'Connell, Gurtavalla. 7. Lar Ryan, Hillview Grove. 8. Seánie Fox, Croughmakeen. 9. James Butler, Carrigbeg. 10. Helen Maher, Toomaline. Promoters Prize, €25: Siobhán O'Connell. Next week's Jackpot €2,400. Draw will be held in Clubhouse on Monday, December 16th 2024.

**Doon Badminton Club:** Doon badminton club Mondays and Thursday's, 8 to 10pm, Doon Community Centre. New and old members welcome, as well as over 16's (must be accompanied by parent or guardian). €5 on the night.

**2025 A Jubilee Year For The Church** Pope Francis has declared that the year of 2025 is to be a Jubilee Year - a year of special prayer and blessing. The theme of this Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope" (We are pilgrims on the Earth NOT masters of the world). The special year begins on Christmas Eve (2024) and concludes on the Feast of the Epiphany - January 6th 2026. **The Archbishop will open the Jubilee Year with a special Mass in the Cathedral in Thurles at 11am on Sunday December 29th 2024.**

**Visit Santa in Clonteen Cappamore** for bookings and inquiries contact [086 8586304](tel:0868586304) donations are in aid of Marys Meals who provide 2.4million children every day with nutritious school meals in 17 countries.

**CHY3 Enduring Certificate Income** Tax Relief forms to charities were posted to households who donated €250 or more annually or anytime to collections over the past 4 years. Please return completed forms in the stamped addressed envelope. If you are not a tax payer please complete and return the relevant slip. Thanks to everyone who has responded already.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call [014045378](tel:014045378) or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Wren Walk for Chernobyl:** on Thursday 26th December at 1pm from the Pastoral Centre through Kilmoylan Woods. Why not join us and walk off the Christmas Dinner and help raise funds for a great cause. This year all monies raised will go towards lifesaving operations for newborn babies in Kiev. Refreshments served.

**Bleisce** A bumper County Final souvenir edition of Bleisce will be on sale shortly. Price €15