

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 5th January, 2020

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Dear Parishioner,

Today we hear the beautiful prologue to John's Gospel. It would be worth finding the time to meditate on these verses during the week. They are beautifully rich. 'In the beginning was the Word...' in Greek, *logos*. This *logos* (Word) has far more meaning than its English translation can give. It refers to all-knowledge; all-being; that which is forever; the Word that is Divine, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things. We read in this prologue that not one thing came to be without God. Do we really see God at the centre of all things? In our environment, in nature, in all created beings? Science tells us our universe is 13.8 billion years old. We cannot even conceive of such a time scale. John tells us of God at that point, at that great flaring forth of all creation, when everything came to be. This Word was with God at that moment and was God. If we truly believe in the Incarnation, let us be alert and awake to the Incarnation of God every day in our lives; Christ present in all people, in every created thing, for God is fully at work in creation at every stage, then, now and forever. For creation and incarnation are not different events, but the same event, the same process.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 11th / 12th Jan:**Readers:****6:30pm** Brian McMahon**9:30am** Orla Treacy**11am** John O'Brien**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Mai O'Dwyer/Cait McMahon

John Hayes/Bridget Duggan

Sinead Ryan/Nicholas Mooney

NEW ROTA: for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers is now being drawn up. If you wish to have your name removed or would like to join please contact Fr Jimmy ASAP.

Anniversaries 4th/5th Jan:**6:30pm** Nora & John Thompson

Peggy O'Dwyer, Carnahalla

9:30am Special intentions**11am** Phylis Brosnan nee Danaher & her brother

Mikey and their parents Patrick & Mary,

Reenavanna

Margaret Cummins, Carrigmore and her brother Ned Ryan

Sean, Gillian & PJ Richardson, Lacka

Monday 6th Jan @ 11am Michael Quigley, Toomaline

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: Monday 6th January is the Feast of The Epiphany and is a Holyday of obligation. Mass @ 11.00am & 7.30pm

MASS CARDS: Available in the sacristy

ENVELOPE & PARISH CALENDAR 2020: Have been distributed during the week. Your contributions to the weekly envelope collection and the basket goes some way towards maintaining the parish buildings and meeting targets set for the parish by the Diocesan Finance Committee as well as paying the bills incurred in the everyday running of the parish. I sincerely thank those who contribute to the parish finances. If you have not received a box of envelopes and would like to contribute please contact Fr Jimmy who can arrange envelopes for you.

DOON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: continues every Monday night in the Convent @ 8pm

ADORATION GROUP: Adoration will resume on Wednesday 8th January.

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP: New people are always welcome as many hands make light work. Thanks to the group for keeping the Church so clean for all of us.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Confirmation is Tuesday 31st March 2020. First Holy Communion is Sunday 3rd May 2020. As a community of faith, we pray for our young people their parents, guardians, teachers and families as they prepare for these events in their faith journey.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents to a visiting priest. If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

LEGION OF MARY: The next meeting of the Legion of Mary will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 7th January @ 7pm. New members urgently needed and most welcome.

DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: On Sunday 29th December last, a large group of motorcycle enthusiasts took part in a local navigation trial. They donated €1,280 towards hall and playground maintenance costs - sincere thanks to all involved. For bookings of the hall, meeting rooms, astro turf pitch, birthday parties, marquee hire etc. call 085 1443470. Happy New Year to you all.

EAST LIMERICK BRANCH IRISH RED CROSS: Are holding a raffle to fund the building of a Training & Ambulance Centre here in Doon. The prize is Garage Equipment to the value of €3,000. Tickets are €10 each available from www.ifundraise.ie/Ambulancebay or by contacting John Collins on 086 8030390

LCFE CAPPAMORE CAMPUS: are now enrolling for part time courses starting in January 2020. Apply online at www.lcfe.ie phone 061 381272. Enrolment @ Campus on Monday 6th to Friday 17th January from 9.30 am to 1.30pm and Wednesday 8th January from 5pm to 7pm.

DOON GAA LOTTO: no's drawn 7-12-13-15 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in The Local with a jackpot of €6,400

Notes for newsletter to be emailed or handed in to Fr Jimmy by 6pm Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend.