

**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon- 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

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Dear Parishioner, This little light of mine ...

I'm gonna let it shine! Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. "The Boss' Bruce Springsteen sings it during his concerts. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom. 'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: **'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub... your light must shine in the sight of men.'** Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light' to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity – both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the unborn, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let your light shine. **'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him.'** Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Feb:**

**Readers:**

**6:30pm** Eoin Doyle

**9:30am** Pakie O'Brien

**11am** Margaret Ryan

**Anniversaries: 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Feb:**

**6:30pm** Jimmy & Mary Buckley, Main St & deceased family members  
Paddy & Kathleen Ryan, Croughmakeen

**9:30am** For the People of the Parish

**11am** Mary & Edmund Harding, Coolnamona  
Jimmy Ryan, Toomaline & his son Thomas,  
Assumption Tce  
John Quigley, Lacka

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Paud Sweeney/Mary Ryan

Catherine Crowe/Mary MacLeod

Donal Ryan/Anita Sweeney

**15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Feb:**

Ned Quigley, Reenavanna.  
Bridie Bradshaw, Glengar -1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. &  
Ellen & Martin Bradshaw.  
Ger McSweeney, Glasha Talann-1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Nonie & Dinny Duggan &  
Joan & Brian Mahon, Croughmorka  
For the People of the Parish

**NEW ROTA:** For Readers & Eucharist Minister will be finalized this week, if you wish to have your name taken off, please contact Patricia (086) 8338898 ASAP.

**MASS CARDS:** Available in the sacristy

**MASS:** This coming week on Wednesday & Friday morning.

**ST VINCENT'S LISNAGRY:** Annual Church Gate Collection will be held this weekend, after all Masses. Your support is very much appreciated.

**ENVELOPE AND PARISH CALENDAR 2020:** 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

**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 YOUR DIARY: Confirmation** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. **Ceremony of Light** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 6.30. The Confirmation Children will do the readings and prayers of the faithful and offertory gifts on the night. **First Holy Communion** date is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**AA:** Meeting every Friday night in St. Michael's Day Care Centre, Cappamore @ 8.30pm.

**YOGA:** continues every Thursday night 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Community Centre €7 pay as you go.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Jimmy to let him know.

**DOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Thanks to the local FÁS/Tús workers for power-washing around the community centre and for their ongoing works in the village. For bookings of the hall, meeting rooms, astro turf pitch, birthday parties, marquee hire etc. call 085 1443470.

**DOON GAA LOTTO:** no's drawn 10-19-24-27 no winner. Next week's draw will take place in The Local Bar with a jackpot of €7,400

**DOON BADMINTON CLUB:** Monday nights from 7pm to 10pm and Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm in the community Centre. Beginners and new members welcome.

**BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING:** in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 from 7 – 9pm. This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges their family may face after the death of a son or daughter. RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or 01 4045378 – 085 2888888 before Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**FASHION AT THE PALACE:** Pallasgreen-Templebraden Community Council will hold an Exclusive Fashion Show on Thur. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. in the Strand Hotel, showcasing all the top brands in the Mid-West Region. Models by the Celia Holman Lee Model agency. There will be celebrity guest appearances, local models, entertainment by the award winning and talented soprano Sinead O'Brien. Also prizes for best dressed lady, Shoe and bag, Glamorous Granny and more, well known and popular celebrity Lorraine O'Connell will be judging these. Prosecco reception @ 6.30pm and show will start @ 8pm. All proceeds go to the refurbishment of the Pallasgreen Community Centre. For enquiries and tickets please contact Susie 087-7697811, Dara 086-8147485 or Ger 086-2148675.

**Paddy Dakar AGM:** Takes place next Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m in Doon Community Centre. All are welcome.

**Doon Social Farm:** is running a QQI Level 4 program in Horticulture, which includes all aspects of growing fruit and vegetables and other useful self-development skills. Commencing late February, the program is ideal for those in receipt of social welfare. All enquires welcome to Maura or Deirdre Doon Social Farm 061-380808 or 085 8618993.

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