

Newsletter 15th / 16th August 2020

St. Patrick's Parish, Doon

16th August 2020

20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Anniversaries

Saturday 15th August

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

11.00

Mike Buckley Glengar Anniversary

We remember Fr Johnny Sweeny in our prayers as he celebrates the 18th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood today. We wish Fr Johnny continued health and happiness in his ministry to the people of St Patrick's Parish Mercedes Argentina.

Saturday 15th 6.30

Michael (Mikey) McLoughlin Cooga & Waterford 1st Anniversary.

Sunday 16th 11.00

Mary Madden Gurtavalla anniversary

John & Mary Ryan Glengar anniversaries.

Saturday 22nd August 6.30

Patsy Ryan Cooga 4th anniversary and his parents Pake & Catherine Commonaline.

Martin English Croughmorka 3rd anniversary.

Sunday 23rd 11.00

Dates for the Diary:

First Holy Communion.

Saturday 15th August @ 1.30pm

Confirmation.

Friday 21st August CBS 10.30 & 12.00 Convent 1.30 & 3.00

We remember the children and their families and teachers in our prayer.

Covid 19

It is important to point out that The Sunday and Holy Day obligation has been suspended for now by The Irish Catholic Bishops Conference. I encourage parishioners if you can to please attend Mass during the week.

Weekday Masses are as normal:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am.

During the current pandemic there will also be Mass on Monday and Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

The extra Masses for now on Monday and Wednesday evening should help to ease numbers on Saturday evening and Sunday morning allowing families who have anniversaries to attend these Masses. It is important that those who are sick, or have any symptoms of, or are a confirmed case of Covid 19 or are close contacts of a person with confirmed or suspected Covid 19, should stay at home and participate through the Parish Radio on 105.1 FM.

I encourage all who are using the Church to use the sanitiser provided at all entrances. There are also 5 sanitising stations within the Church. Face coverings are not obligatory but they are advised.

#### Seating in Doon Parish Church

There are 33 pews available for use in our church. Only two people are permitted in a pew who are not from the same household. People who are residing in the same home are permitted to sit together, meaning that families or households, can take up a whole pew without having to social distance.

The capacity of the Church is 66 individuals or 132 if households of 4 adults per pew is in use.

Social distancing must be adhered to in the church,

The kneeler's are not in use. Please remain seated and only stand for the reading of the Gospel and at the Our Father.

#### Church Cleaning

All pews in the church which are occupied during Mass in midweek and at the weekends have to be sanitised immediately after Mass in order to prevent any potential threat of the spread of Covid-19 to users of the Church. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

#### Collection

There will be no offertory collection taken up during Mass but please do place your envelope or the donation which you put in the basket in the secure boxes as you enter or leave the church remembering to keep social distancing while doing so. This can be done at any Mass you attend.

You may still put your envelope in the front door of the parochial house if you want. If you could see your way to increase your contribution that would be very much appreciated and will make a big difference to Parish Funds which have been negatively impacted during these times. As always your support is very much appreciated.

Thought for the day.

“It is so easy to get caught up with the trappings of wealth in this life. Grant, O Lord, that I may be free from greed and selfishness. Remind me that the best things in life are free: Love, laughter, caring, sharing, family, friends, health.

Online donate feature

I am pleased to announce that the online donate feature for parishes is now live and available for use on the Diocesan website - <https://cashel-emly.ie/donate/>

I hope that this much needed method of giving will offer parishioners an easily accessible means to donate to your parish either on a one-off or regular basis. This facility allows for a Covid-19-friendly option for parishioners to contribute online at a time convenient to you.