

Newsletter 22nd / 23rd August 2020
St. Patrick's Parish, Doon
23rd August 2020
21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

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

Saturday 29th 6.30

Sunday 30th 11.00am

Congratulations

We congratulate the children of our schools who made their
Confirmation on Friday 21st of August.

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.

Use of face coverings are now recommended by the Irish Bishops as
per a recent circular.

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.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will, when the road you're trudging seems all uphill, when the funds are low and the debts are high, and you want to smile but you have to sigh, when care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must but do not quit. Success is failure turned inside out, the silver tint of the clouds of doubt, and you never can tell how close you are, it may be near when it seems so far. So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit. It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.

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.

Primary School Re-Openings:

Doon CBS Primary will re-open on Monday August 31st at 9.15am. Please note pupils are not to arrive earlier than 9.00am.

Doon Convent Primary School will re-open on Monday August 31st at 9.15am. Please note pupils are not to arrive earlier than 9.00am.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome to our Christian Community Sophie Mai Breen, Orla Joan Allis, Grace Ava Hayes, Éabha McNamara and Eoin James Gammell all who were baptised in recent weeks. We congratulate their parents and families.

Memorials this coming week

Mon 24 Aug St Bartholomew, Apostle. He is the patron of plasterers, tanners and leather workers.

Thu 27 Aug is the memorial of St Monica (332-87), patron saint of mothers. She is credited with the conversion of her son St Augustine through her prayers.

Fri 28 Aug is the memorial of St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church (354-430). His theological writings continue to have an important influence in the Church today. He is a patron of theologians.

Sat 29 Aug is the memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist. Today marks the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly. We pray for him and for his ministry in the Archdiocese.

Congratulations and well done to the Doon u21 team and management on winning the Limerick Premier u21 County Hurling championship for the second year in a row.