

24th Sunday Ordinary Time 13th September 2020

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.'

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

Anniversaries

Saturday 12th September 6.30

Sunday 13th September 11.00

Michael and Nora Barane of Gurtageara anniversaries

James Barrett Cliggin 21st anniversary

Monday 14th September 7.30

John Kennedy Clonlusk anniversary

Wednesday 16th September 7.30

Mikey Joe Maher Croughmakeen 1st anniversary

Saturday 19th September 6.30

Norah Dilger Cooga 4th Anniversary

Sunday 20th September 11.00

Denis Hoban Cooga 9th Anniversary

Denis (Sonny) Ryan Doon East anniversary & his wife Dot 6 months deceased.

Masses this week

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday 9.30

Monday 7.30 Wednesday 7.30.

Memorials this week

Monday 14th Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday 16th Sept Saint Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs.

Facemasks / Shields

In line with the use of face mask / shield in shops etc it is also recommended as best practice that face masks / shields be worn while attending Mass. We do so to protect ourselves and each other and prevent the possible spread of Covid.

Month of Creation: This starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Christians worldwide are encouraged to use this time to commit themselves to making greater efforts to care for creation. This commitment is both spiritual and

practical. Called 'Season of Creation', it is a time for prayer, commitment and action for our common home and on behalf of our common human family. How can we play our part in this initiative?

Coronavirus Helpline for Older People

Alone manage a National Support Line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of Covid-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and assurance where necessary. The Support Line is open seven days a week, 8am.-8pm. by calling **0818 222 024**.

Doon Parish Journal "Bleisce" The 29th edition of Bleisce is currently being prepared. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic there is a much shorter deadline with the printer this year. All articles, club reports and photographs must be received by **October 10th** at the very latest. Submissions for possible inclusion -subject to editing can be given to Fr Jimmy P.P. Donal Anderson or Peggy Sweeny or can be emailed to **doonparishjournal@hotmail.com**

Affordable Live-in Homecare

Provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom **today** on 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Doon GAA

We wish the Senior Hurling team all the best as they play Kilmallock in the Limerick Senior Hurling Championship semi final in the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday 12th of September at 5.30

Due to Covid restrictions this game is played behind closed doors. It can be viewed on Limerick Gaa TV

Doon Community Council:

Annual Scrap Metal Collection: Saturday 3rd of October. All items of metal except for fridges and gas containers can be dropped to Doon community centre. If you need items to be collected please contact Denis at 0868652424 or Tim at 0860748022.

Covid 19 Notes:

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.

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.

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.