

Newsletter 29th / 30th August 2020

**St. Patrick's Parish, Doon
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**

Anniversaries

**Saturday 29th 6.30
Sunday 30th 11.00am**

Paddy Shanahan Foildarrig anniversary

Monday 31st 9.30

Molly & Tim Crowe Carrigmore anniversaries.

Saturday 5th September 6.30

Maura & Danny Murphy & their daughter Margaret O' Shaughnessey anniversaries

Sunday 6th September 11.00

Sean Hayes & his wife Josephine & their daughter Josephine Ryan Cooga anniversaries

Recently deceased

Please pray for Br Daniel Walsh Kyle Cappamore who died in Liverpool during the week having served 70 years as a member of The Christian Brother Congregation with 25 of those as a missionary in West Africa.

First Friday

Friday next is 1st Friday of September. Mass at 9.30. Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and devotions during 7.30pm Mass.

Masses this week

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday 9.30

Monday 7.30 Friday 7.30.

No evening Mass on Wednesday

Facemasks

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.

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.

“Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent” Marilyn vos Savant

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.

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.

Memorials this coming week

Tue 1 Sept is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The theme has been evident in the writings and speeches of Pope Francis since the beginning of the pontificate. Let us all play our part in caring for the world we live in.

Thu 3 Sept is the feast of St Gregory the Great (540-604), pope and doctor of the Church. A promoter of plainchant in the Church's music, he is widely honoured as a patron of musicians.

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**.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to Siobhan O Sullivan Assumption Terrace and Thomas Kennedy Gurtavalla who were married in Doon on Thursday last. We wish the couple all God's Blessings in their marriage.

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