

Newsletter 13th December 2020

Anniversaries:

Saturday 12th December 6.30

Sunday 13th December 11.00 am

John & Margaret Loughman Gurnageira anniversaries

Paddy O' Malley Glengar 4th anniversary

Wednesday 16th December 7.30

Brendan O' Connell Bridgetown Co. Clare anniversary

Saturday 19th December 6.30

Fr Tom Ryan former Parish Priest anniversary

Sunday 20th December 11.00

John Ryan F Gurtavalla & Edinburgh anniversary

Ellen McGrath Clogher & deceased family members & her recently deceased son Paddy.

Easing of Restrictions and Public Worship

With the easing of Covid restrictions we have returned to regular Masses on each weekend: Saturday 6.30 Sunday 11.00 am. Masses will continue to be broadcast on local parish radio and will now be streamed on line by visiting doonparish.ie.

Following government guidelines we will need to respect physical distancing at all times and that will restrict our numbers to 50 people. We ask everyone to wear masks attending all Masses. I encourage people to attend masses if possible during the week and leave the weekend masses for those families who have anniversaries. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day's of obligation is dispensed with while this Covid 19 pandemic remains.

Funeral numbers remain at 25 as do Weddings. Baptism's can be arranged again keeping in mind current government guidelines.

Mass times during the coming week 14th - 18th December

Monday 9.30, & 7.30, Tuesday 9.30, Wednesday 9.30, & 7.30 Friday 9.30.

Masses during Christmas Week

To help as many people attend Christmas Masses safely Mass will be celebrated Christmas week at the following times:

Monday 21st at 9.30 and 7.30.

Tuesday 22nd at 9.30.

Wednesday 23rd at 9.30 and 7.30

Christmas Eve at 10.00, 5pm and 8pm.

Christmas Day Mass 9.00 and 11.00 am.

Any of the above masses full fills the obligation to attend mass for Christmas.

Weekly Envelopes:

A big thank you to all who continue to support your Parish through the weekly envelope. You may put them in the secure boxes in the church or put them in the letterbox of the parochial house. Donations may also be made on line by visiting the Parish Website doonparish.ie

Envelopes for next year are now ready for collection. Your financial support for your parish is very much appreciated and every contribution makes a difference.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. (St Alphonsus de Liguori)

Bleisce Doon Parish Journal

The 29th Edition of Bleisce has just been published. It is full of stories, pictures, and accounts of events current and past which happened in and around the parish. Congratulations to the committee on a wonderful production. The cost is €10 and would make a fantastic Christmas present. It can be bought in the local shops.

COVID-19 Support Line 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 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am – 8pm, by phoning 0818 222 024.

Team Hope - Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2020

The 2020 Christmas Shoebox Appeal is going to be run a little differently. Due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions, it is not possible to send gift-filled shoe boxes from Ireland this year, so we're asking schools, families, friends, communities and businesses to [#TeamUpForTeamHope](https://www.teamhope.ie) by donating gift-filled shoeboxes online. These donations will allow our network of local partners in Africa and Eastern Europe to purchase items for shoeboxes, which will then be delivered straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoeboxes are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they deliver is incredible. Although this year may be different, the need for shoebox gifts is more important than ever. Each gift-filled shoebox is €20 and can be done in minutes by logging in to www.teamhope.ie where you can simply donate or if you wish you can build your very own personalised box. For those of you who would like to get involved but are not online savvy you can drop a donation through my letterbox and I will donate it for you. Any queries please give me a call. Norah 087 9384583.

Doon GAA Notes

We wish the Limerick Team & Management the best of luck in the All Ireland Final this Sunday and we wish the Doon players Darragh, Richie & Pat the best of luck.

To Any of Our Elderly or Vulnerable Members/Friends of Doon GAA Struggling to Cope at This Difficult Time With Social Distancing Measures in Place. The Doon Seniors Will be Available to Help With Grocery Shopping, Picking up Prescriptions etc. Please Contact us Through our Facebook Page or Doon GAA Phone - 085 8045223

Lotto Numbers Monday, December 7th 2020

Lotto Tickets Can Be Purchased in Doon at O'Sullivan's Centra & Damien Richardson Butchers.

Cut Off Time for Online Sales is 6pm every Monday

Jackpot €2,200

Numbers Drawn 15-17-18-27

Two Match 3s @ €30 each

1. Marie Lynch, Gortaderry, Cappawhite (Online)

2. Margaret Ryan, Gurtnagera

10 Lucky Dips at €20 each

1. Christine O'Brien, Coonagh Court, Doon (Online)

2. Shane O'Brien, Clonteen.

3. Geraldine Tobin, Fr. Russell Rd, Limerick

4. Dolores Buckley, Cappawhite.

5. Margaret Stokes, Castleconnell (Online).

6. Benji, Doon

7. Joanne & Margaret c/o Mgt. Griffin

8. Catherine Hayes, Dromsally

9. Mar & Cat Anderson, Lisnakella.

10. Jack O'Connell, Gurtavalla.

Promoters Prize, €25: Johnny Butler

Next week's Jackpot €2,400. Draw will be held in Clubhouse on December 14th 2020

Doon CBS Notes

Old clothes collection from now until Christmas holidays. Bags of clothes can be dropped to the school shed at any time. Thanks for your support.

Doon CBS are holding a **Split the Christmas Cracker Jackpot**. Lines €3 each or 2 for €5. Draw will take place on Fri Dec 18th 2020. Cards are at the Centra Shop, Richardson's Butchers and the Post Office. All support greatly appreciated.

Doon Community Council Notes

Doon Senior citizens Christmas Dinner:

Due to the corona virus restrictions the annual senior citizen's party will not be taking place this year but instead we will be doing home delivery of Christmas dinners on Sunday 13th December from 12.30pm onwards.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The Saint Vincent de Paul annual Church Gate Collection usually takes place at this time of year. Due to COVID 19 restrictions it is not possible to hold this collection this year. However people and families still need assistance from Vincent de Paul. Funds raised will be spent within this community, helping those in need with food, heating and education costs. Last year over €3,000 was spent within this community and the needs of the local people will be greater this year as we head into the winter months. You can donate in a number of ways: You will find blue envelopes at the back of the church and in the local shops with all the details. They are addressed to St.Patrick' Conference Doon, SVP Mid West Region, Limerick.

Any funds sent in to Limerick will be returned to the local Conference.

You can take envelopes away with you & drop them into The Parochial House or alternatively, drop into boxes in the local shops. You may also donate on line at svp.ie/donate Every donation helps no matter how big or small. Many thanks to all the kind generosity of the good people of Doon especially over the last year. We need your help for those in need more than ever this year so we can continue to help in your name and in the name of Christ. For those who are in need of help, the contact number is 087 1459024.

Conference Name:

St. Patrick's, Doon.

Co. Limerick.

Fundraiser Link:

SVP 2020.

Bank details:

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