

## **Newsletter 20th December 2020**

Greetings to all who are reading this newsletter at home or away. It is difficult to believe that Christmas has come around again so quickly. The world as we know it has certainly changed and uncertain times lie ahead as we all come to terms with Covid 19. As a community we have rallied together in support and solidarity as we entered lock down on March 13th along with the rest of the country and the world. The task of flattening the curve was handed to us. So far we have done a good job here in Doon. Please God that will continue as we look out for each other and do our own bit to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 Virus. I would like to take this opportunity to use the Christmas Newsletter to thank you the people of Doon for your support and kindness to me which is very much appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to offer my condolences to all those who lost a loved one and who are grieving at this time. To the newly baptised children in our Christian Community I would like to welcome them. Congratulations to the children who received First Penance and First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2020. To the newlyweds of our parish I wish you many years of happiness and joy in your lives together. To all the volunteer groups who help to make Doon a better place to live and visit I thank you for your contributions to our community. To all who help in the church through the various ministeries thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the people of Doon and the Doon Diaspora wherever you are across the world a blessed and safe Christmas and every good wishes for the coming year.

### **Anniversaries:**

#### **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.

Shane McLoughlin Cooga 6th Anniv

Kitty Lonergan Lacka Months mind and her recently deceased cousin Colleen Abbott nee Quigley.

#### **Monday 21st December 9.30**

Jerry & Nonie Moore Main Street anniversaries

#### **Saturday 26th December 6.30**

#### **Sunday 27th December 11.00**

Tom & Brid Ryan Gurtavalla anniversaries

### **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 9.30am & 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 22nd at 9.30am**

**Wednesday 23rd at 9.30am & 7.30pm**  
**Christmas Eve at 10.00am, 5pm & 8pm.**  
**Christmas Day Mass 9.00am & 11.00 am.**

Any of the above masses fulfils the obligation to attend mass for Christmas. All the above will be broadcast on the parish radio 105.1 and live streamed on the Parish Website [doonparish.ie](http://doonparish.ie)

### **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](http://doonparish.ie)

Envelopes for next year have now been distributed. Thanks to all who did this. Your financial support for your parish is very much appreciated and every contribution makes a difference. If you did not get a box and would like one please contact Fr Jimmy.

### **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.

### **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. 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.

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](http://svp.ie/donate) Every donation helps no matter how big or small. Many thanks for all the kind generosity of the good people of Doon especially over the last year. We need your help for those who are in need. For those who are in need of help, the contact number is 087 1459024.

### **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.

Congratulations to The Mayo Girls who won our Jackpot prize of €1750 in the Split the Cracker Draw . The promoter was Cian Murphy. Thanks to all who supported it so generously.

### **Doon GAA Notes**

Well done to the Limerick Team & Management on winning the All Ireland Final last Sunday and we congratulate our own Doon players Darragh, Richie & Pat. Best of Luck to Adam English (Captain), Tomas Lynch & all The Limerick Team & Management in This Sunday's Minor Hurling Munster Final at 1pm Against Tipperary. All in Doon GAA Are Very Proud To Have The Boys Represent The Club.

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 14th 2020**

Jackpot €2,400

Numbers Drawn 4-15-18-24

Six Match 3s @ €30 each

1. Marian English, Coolnamona (Online).
2. Kathy Hayes, Toomaline.
3. Érin Ryan (Will), Longford West, Oola (Online).
4. Ann Marie Coleman, Oola.
5. Fr. Jimmy Donnelly, The Parochial House, Doon (Online).
6. Tom & Margaret O'Brien, Glengar.

10 Lucky Dips at €20 each

1. Christine O'Brien, Coonagh Court, Doon (Online).
2. Liam Cummins, Carrigmore.
3. The Beary Grandchildren c/o Pat Beary.
4. Deirdre Cleary, Coonagh Court (Online).
5. John Hayes, Moanduff.
6. Chris Berkery, Toomaline (Online).
7. Emma & Joe Nolan, Doon.
8. Aidan O'Brien, Glengar.
9. Brian & Jack McPartland c/o Ann.
10. Mary Mackey, Gurtavalla.

Promoters Prize, €25: John Power

Next week's Jackpot €2,600. Draw will be held in Clubhouse on December 21st 2020.