

## **Newsletter 17th December 2023**

### **Anniversaries**

#### **Saturday 16th December 6.30**

Brendan O Connell anniversary

Nancy Beresford St Fintan's Terrace & Mossy Dunne Togher Rd anniversaries

#### **Sunday 17th December 11.00**

John Ryan Gurtavalla and Edinburgh anniversary

#### **Monday 18th December 9.30**

Shane McLoughlin Cooga 9th anniversary

#### **Saturday 23rd December 6.30**

Fr Tom Ryan former PP anniversary

John and Sarah Sullivan, Kilmoylan (Anniversary).

#### **Sunday 24th December 11.00**

Ellen McGrath Clogher & her son Paddy and deceased members of the McGrath family.

Nancy English Croughmarka Months Mind

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kieran Bourke Oola brother in law of Donal Anderson and Hannie Richardson, and Fr Donal Cunningham AP Upperchurch / Drombane Parish, and Mons James Ryan AP Cashel / Rosegreen parish whose funerals took place during the week. Sympathy to the bereaved.

**Masses this week :** 18th December - 22nd December

**Monday 9.30, Tuesday, 9.30. No Mass Wednesday, No Mass in Cappawhite on Friday.**

### **Christmas Masses in Doon**

(4th Sunday of Advent Mass will have been celebrated earlier that morning at 11.00 as usual on Sunday but this is not a Christmas Mass).

24th December Christmas Eve Masses at 5.30 and 7.30pm

25th December Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am. Please note the change of time for Christmas Day.

**There will be no masses for the remainder of the week until 6.30 on Saturday 30th December.**

**Current Mass Times for The Parish Cluster Area. (Subject to change in the future as circumstances dictate.)**

**Saturday evening's:** Cappawhite 6.00, Doon 6.30, Hollyford 7.00, Cappamore 7.30, Kilcommon 8.00pm.

**Sunday :** Rearcross 10.00, Cappamore 10.00, Doon 11.00, Kilcommon 11.00, Cappawhite 12 noon.

**Dates for the Diary** Confirmation Thursday 2nd of May 2024. First Holy Communion Saturday 11th May 2024.

**Doon Parish Choir** Choir practice on Monday at 7.00pm. All new members would be most welcome.

**Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers** for next weekend: Please refer to your rota.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Adoration each Wednesday from 3pm until 7pm. If you can give some of your time in Adoration please contact John O' Brien, Marcia Mooney or Mary McLeod who will include your name on the Rota.

### **Weekly Envelopes:**

Your financial support for your parish is very much appreciated and every contribution makes a difference. Please make cheques payable to Doon Parochial A/C. Basket collection taken up at weekend masses. Donations can also be made via parish website. Collection last weekend which includes the Holyday was €1,440.00. A sincere thanks to all who contributed. Envelopes and Calendars for 2024 are available in the Sacristy for collection and distribution. Thanks to all who distribute the envelopes it is greatly appreciated.

**Clergy Collections** On the weekend 3rd December the 2nd Last Clergy Collection for 2023 was taken up. The Target set for this parish by the Archdiocese is €20,460. These collections make up the Common Fund from which all priests in the diocese active, retired or sick receive an allowance. To date the sum of €11,380.20 has been collected. There is 1 more Clergy Collection before the end of the year on the 24th December so hopefully we will get close to the Target. Amount received in the last collection was €2,763.50. Thanks to all who have contributed so far. Shortfalls are made up from parish funds.

### **Doon Community Council Notes:**

For bookings of hall or Astro Turf pitch: please text/phone 085 755 7318. Bookings must be made in advance.

Doon Community Council would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way to making our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party such a great success. To Fr. Donnelly and the parish choir for the lovely Mass, Nicholas and Marcia for decorating the Altar, MB Catering, Chris Byrnes for the entertainment, Santa Claus for his visit and all who donated prizes for the raffle. Thanks also to Doon ICA for their donation towards the event. Happy Christmas to you all.

**Line Dancing** every Friday from 7.30pm in the Doon community centre.

**New Community Café** (10:00 - 13:00) Friday's Only at Doon Social Farm. Donations to support farm upkeep and care of the animals. All are welcome

**Local taxi service:** covering Cappamore, Doon , Cappawhite, Pallasgreaan etc. Limerick junction train transfers, Hospital appointments, g.p. visits, shopping , limerick city , Tipperary town. Phone 0851001381.

**Doon Badminton Club:** every Monday and Thursday from 8pm to 10pm in the main hall, community centre Doon. new and old members welcome, as well as over 16's (must be accompanied by parent or guardian). €5 on the night.

**Doon & District Men's Shed** meet in the Old Convent building. Monday 8pm, Meeting followed by chat, cuppa, cards and pool. Tuesday 10am, Tidy up. Wednesday 10am, GAA Walk followed by cuppa in Shed. Thursday 2pm, Crafts. Friday 8pm, Archery. New members are always welcome. See facebook for more details.

### **Doon GAA Note**

Doon GAA welcomes everyone to come meet our current and former All Ireland Senior medal winners on Saturday 23rd December 2023 from 4pm in Doon Community Centre. Family day out for adults and children to meet and greet/take a photo with our heroes. We will have the National League, Munster Mackey and Liam McCarthy cups on the day. All Welcome.

Lotto Numbers Monday, December 11th 2023. Lotto Tickets can be purchased in Doon at O'Sullivan's Centra & Damien Richardson Butchers. Cut Off time for Online Sales is 8pm every Monday. Jackpot €2,000. Numbers Drawn 11-12-18-25. Five Match 3 @ €30 each

1. Pat Whelan c/o Mike Ryan. 2. Stephen Byrnes, Gurtavalla. 3. Eimear O'Connell, Cooga. 4. T. Howard, Doon. 5. The Cribbins, Adare.

10 Lucky Dips at €20 each. 1. Stasia Murphy c/o Catherine O'Brien. 2. Michael Butler, Bahagha. 3. Niamh Hanley, Cooga (Online). 4. Carmel Stokes, Clonlusk (Online). 5. Tim Bob Ryan c/o Eddie Stapleton. 6. Martin Breen c/o Mary Jo. 7. John Franklin c/o Niall Maher. 8. Anne Morrissey c/o Whelans. 9. Marie Fitzgerald c/o John Hayes. 10. Dónal Ryan (G), Cooga. Promoters Prize, €25: Caroline Coleman. Next week's Jackpot €2,200. Draw will be held in Clubhouse on December 18th 2023.

**Doon CBS Cash For Clobber** Open Until January. Drop Bags to School Shed Anytime. Your Support Is Appreciated.

The Parents Association would like to thank all those who supported our Family Fun Bingo. It was a great success.

**Christmas Gift vouchers** now available for Pilgrimages to Medjugorje May 22nd and Aug 28th Ideal Christmas Gift for your loved ones Contact John O'Brien 086 8586304

**Glenstal Advent Talks** are at 4.30pm Sunday 17th December in the Abbey Library (V94TK61). Talks are recorded and will be available shortly afterwards from the Abbey website.

**Bleisce** The 32nd edition is now on sale and available in our local shops. At a cost of €10. A great Christmas gift for Doon people near and far.

**Mary's Meals Fundraiser** There will be a collection and sale of all unwanted gifts after Christmas at the Pastoral Centre. All proceeds go to Mary's Meals Ireland. 22 euro feeds a child for one school year. For further details contact John O'Brien on 086 8586304

**Wren Walk for Chernobyl:** Our annual walk takes place on St. Stephen's Day, December 26th from the Pastoral Centre @ 1pm through Kilmoylan Woods. A great way to walk off the over indulgence of Christmas Day and support a very worthy cause. Refreshments served on return. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

**Dún Bleisce Historical Society** Annual Table Quiz in Moore's Bar Doon Friday the 29th of December 2023 at 9:30 PM. €40 per Table. Raffle and a good evening's entertainment guaranteed.