

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS	
Dunleer	
Sat, 9 th -Feb-2019 @ 7.30 pm	
Av	Bill Mc Carthy Alice Kearney
Sun, 10 th -Feb-2019 @ 11.30 am	
Av	Paddy & Mary Boyle Mal Reilly David Tiernan
Mon, 11 th -Feb-2019 @ 10.00 am	
Av	Alice & Kathleen Mc Kenna & dec'd
Sat, 16 th -Feb-2019 @ 10.00 am	
Av	Patsy Mc Shane & dec'd of family
Sat, 16 th -Feb-2019 @ 7.30 pm	
Av	Larry & Nancy O Neill & son Michael & dec'd of Wall family Larry Hand Paddy Lyons & dec'd of family Martin & Nora Kennelly & Wm & Mary Devine
Sun, 17 th -Feb-2019 @ 11.30 am	
Av BR	Jim & Alice Carrie Stephen Kenny
Philipstown	
Sun, 10 th -Feb-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Joe, Molly & Paddy Halpenny
Sun, 17 th -Feb-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Kathleen & Matthew Brennan
Dromin	
Sun, 10 th -Feb -2019 @ 10.30 am	
MM Av	Michael Logue George Doggett Noel & Briega Dromgoole & Shane
Sun, 17 th -Feb-2019 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Eileen Halpenny & dec'd of Halpenny & Mc Crohan families Liam Brennan & dec'd of Brennan Families

There is always a connection in the Sunday readings between the first reading and the Gospel. The theme of today's readings is a sending out; of Isaiah in the first reading and of the disciples in the Gospel. The second reading has echoes of the theme too with Saint Paul reflecting on his calling and vocation. There are certain patterns to vocation stories in the scriptures. There is first the call; then the protest of unworthiness; the reassurance; the acceptance of the mission and the sending out. Isaiah protests his unworthiness; he is purified and cleansed; reassured; accepts his call and says 'Here I am, send me'. The same pattern is shown in the Gospel and in the call of other figures from the scriptures like Moses, (I cannot speak well.) Jeremiah, (I am too young.) David (left out in the sheep-field.) and Our Lady. (I am a virgin.) The story in the gospel of today has entered the mind of the Christian world. We speak of the leader of the Catholic church as walking, 'in the shoes of the fisherman' and of the Church as 'the barque of Peter'. It begins with a usual scene from the banks of the sea of Galilee. Jesus is teaching the crowd who are pressing all around him to hear his words, to be cured of their diseases or maybe just out of vulgar curiosity. The simple and practical solution to the problem of Jesus being crushed is for him to get into a boat, row out a few paces from the shore and from this shaky, bobbing platform, he speaks to the crowds without fear of being swamped. The fishermen had of course left their boats and were, we are told, washing their nets, when Jesus chose Simon Peter's boat as his pulpit.

When he finished speaking he turned to Peter and invited him to. 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. Peter's response is immediate, as always. He protests (he knew that night time was the best time for fishing) and then he obeys. Having obeyed, the fishermen are rewarded with a generous catch. This miracle confirms Peter's insight and faith in the identity of Jesus. Peter is remembered for his greatness and for his failings too. He realises that he is in the presence of someone holy and this holiness makes him fall on his knees in a gesture of humility. We begin our Mass in the same spirit of humility in the Penitential Rite. During Mass we are reassured and at the end of Mass we are commissioned or sent out. Humility is the foundation stone of holiness and holiness in any person is often acutely aware of sinfulness. (I, Patrick a sinner...) Peter, conscious of his sinfulness, is reassured by the divine. 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Like Isaiah he volunteers, he leaves everything and follows. 'Here I am, send me' Isaiah had said. Peter and his friends find in Jesus something or somebody for whom it is possible to leave everything and allow themselves to be sent as messengers of God's Word. Fear is banished by the reassurance of God, by the constant refrain to 'fear not'. The feelings of inadequacy and of unworthiness expressed by these prospective messengers are dissolved in God's reassurance and they summon up courage to go out into the deep strong in faith. The challenge of the story told today is to have faith. Nothing other than faith impressed Christ. We are to fear not and to have courage. The invitation is issued to us to go out as messengers, strong in faith, unafraid, and willing to take risks even when we are dispirited by hard work and few results. We are encouraged to move out from the safe shallows where there are few fish to be caught, out of the unproductive superficial into the depth of the Mystery of life and of God. We might be surprised by the catch and by the reward. *Í lionta Dé....*

There will be no Adoration in Dunleer during February to facilitate the work on the lighting.
 Adoration on Thurs in St Kevin's 12.30 to 4.30.

St Kevin's Club Lotto results 31/01/2019 No's 09.10.17.31. Wkly winners Colin Byrne & Jenny Mc Geough. J'pot €10,000.00.

Lann Léire C.P.G. Lotto results 30/01/2019 No's 04.11.15.19. Wkly winners Pauline Darby & Ally & Amelia Newman. J'pot €2,100.00.

Entrance: We Walk By Faith 146 Offertry: We Come To Your Feast 143

Communion: Christ Be Our Light 26 Recessional: Alleluia St Brigid

Parish Notices

Carers **Group C** on duty.

Tea/Coffee in Hall after 11.30 Mass today.

Anointing of the Sick Mon Feb 11th at 10a.m. Mass Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Parish Collection 04.02.2019 €1,740.00.