

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Dunleer

Sun, 9<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 7.30 pm

Av	Niamh Mc Gahon Dec'd of Campbell family Matthew Matthews & Linda Matthews Michael Dowd & Patk & Catherine Dowd
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Sun, 10<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 11.30 am

Av	James & May Kearney Ethna & James O Callaghan Padraig, Queenie & Packie Callan & Pat Burns Elizabeth & Leo Mc Cullough & dec'd of family
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Fri, 15<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 10.00 am

Av	Johnny, John & Kathleen Bowden
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Sat, 16<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 10.00 am

Av	Greta O'Brien
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Sun, 17<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 11.30 am

Av	Jim & Maureen Woods Harry & Peggy O Connell
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### Philipstown

Sun, 10<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 9.30 am

Av	Imelda Daly Ciaran Mc Kenna
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Sun, 17<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 9.30 am

Av	Peter Halligan & dec'd of family
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### Dromin

Sun, 10<sup>th</sup>-Mar-2019 @ 10.30 am

Av	Fintan & Fiona Callan
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The idea of a desert does not mean much to us here in this rain-soaked country yet the story of the people of God wandering in the desert, having escaped from slavery and oppression, may resonate with our historical experience. In going into the desert for forty days, Jesus is deliberately evoking the historical consciousness of the people. They knew that the Exodus story was their freedom story and it is the paradigm for the story of salvation, the story of the freedom won for us and available to us in Christ.

It is the story of a people enslaved; a people whose only prospect is suffering and death. It is the tale of a leader raised up to give these people hope; to motivate them and to lead them through the waters of purification and commitment, onwards towards the goal of a Promised Land. Having recently been baptised, Jesus moves out into the desert to do battle with the temptations of Satan and to allow himself to be formed by the Father. The opportunities and challenges of Lent are to do battle with the temptations and indulgences that enslave us and that lead us to death as surely as did slavery in Egypt. The desert of life provides us with choices to make and temptations to respond to.

The false security of trusting in food, power, fame or any of the other false gods of the world are constantly available and clamouring for our attention. The choice of leader and of personal standards or values is open and the response has to be freely chosen. Christ wishes to lead us over the river of death and into the Promised Land of heaven. He wishes to lead us onwards and upwards by the magnetic attraction of his personality and teachings; by the light and guidance of his illuminating wisdom. As with Christ himself, it is to suffering and death that we will be led to in the end. Those who have stood the test of the desert pilgrimage or journey are promised that neither sin nor death can enslave us at the end and that the land of promise awaits those who have proved worthy in the battle.

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*Polio Survivors Ireland would like to thank those who contributed to the Charity recently and the Flanagan family for their generosity.*

The **A.G.M. of Dunleer & District Historical Society** will take place in Connors Meeting Room, Main Street, Dunleer, Wednesday 13th March at 8.00pm.

Lannleire C.P.G. **Juvenile Registration** Night will take place in the Club-rooms, Wednesday, 20th March 6.30 - 8.30pm.

**Trócaire Boxes** available at church porches.

Entrance Attende Dominun 15

Offertory Unless a Grain of Wheat 140

Communion God of Mercy 45

Recessional We Walk By Faith 146

### Parish Notices

Carers **Group A** on duty.

### **Parish Collection**

03.03.2019 €1,725.00.