

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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All of us have ingrained prejudices and dislikes that are inexplicable, even to ourselves. There are always what are sometimes called, 'painful people' who are a source of hurt to themselves and to others. A great deal of who we are as personalities revolves around how we deal with anger. Some people seem to delight in confrontation. They lock horns with others very easily. Others shy away from conflict and avoid any strong exchange of views. Psalm 32 tells us that such 'bottling up' is damaging. "I kept it secret and my frame was wasted". The Gospel gives us the early church's guidelines for dealing with difference. It is like a manual of church discipline. In somebody's story you will figure as the 'enemy'. People will react negatively to you no matter what you do. The important principle is to, 'judge the judge and assess the assessor'. If the challenge or observation is from someone you respect and trust, then you try to deal with it and absorb it. If it is from a hostile source, whose judgement is flawed, then you 'let it go to the goalie' and do not get defensive. Don't sweat the small stuff. The truth should always emerge from the warm pocket of charity. We are invited to work out our fractured relationship with our neighbour, 'face to face' rather than by public humiliation. Most people will recall the shame and pain of being corrected in public by an authority figure. When the initial attempt at resolving difference does not work, we are counselled to move on to trying to resolve the problem by inviting some witnesses or wise friends to help or mediate. Sometimes these services are available in workplace or labour settings or in marriage breakdown. Our differences and our anger needs to be filtered by a wise friend or mediator rather than aired on an anonymous public platform for example. Often, as in the Gospel story, differences are not reconcilable and people have to live and let live to some extent. The most important thing for the Christian is that we do not abandon our beliefs or lower our standards of behaviour. The church ceases to be the church if we abandon Christ's teaching. The lowest common denominator approach does not usually lead to a good outcome. We are invited to be practical and to be magnanimous or big-hearted in our response. An African proverb puts it succinctly, 'It takes a village to raise a child' When families and relationships and societies disintegrate, the results are obvious. We enrich each other when we engage in community and in communion. There is nobody as wise as all of us.

Sat Sept 9th 7 30	Thomas Harmon
Sun Sept 10 10 30 a.m.	Eamon Stokes Barney Crawley and Dec'd family. Jane Callan and Dec'd of Marry Family.
Sun Sept 10th 11 30 a.m.	Birthday Rem John Murphy Av Jim Mc Cabe Noel Lambe
Sat 16th 10 a.m.	Pat Bellew Fintan Matthews
Sat 16th 7 30 p.m.	Tom and Brendan Cassidy. Annie and Patrick Devine
Sun 17th 10 30	Patsy Mc Cullough Maeve Halpenny and Dec'd of Halpenny family.
Sun 17th 11 30	Maggie and Charlie Fay.

Parish Collection for Sun 30th
 €2095
 Pray For: Geraldine Grogan
 RIP Angela Winters RIP