

DUNLEER PARISH BULLETIN

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March 13th 2016Parish Website www.dunleerparish.ieE-Mail gmmurtagh@eircom.net

Dunleer	Sat 12 th	7 30	Av	Niamh Mc Gahon Linda & Matthew Matthews John & Mary Brennan
	Sun 13 th	11 30	Av	Elizabeth & Leo Mc Cullough & dec'd Ethna & Jim O Callaghan
	Thu 17 th	11 30	Av	Harry & Peggy O Connell Maureen & Jim Woods
	Fri 18 th	10 00	Av	Johnny, John & Kathleen Bowden Dec'd of Dromgoole family
	Sat 19 th	7 30	MM Av	Alice Kearney John & Moya Gregory Lima Barlage Thomas, Elizabeth & Clem Faulkner Paddy & Mary Commons
	Sun 20 th	11 30	Av	Eilis Mc Kenna
Philipstown	Sun 13 th	9 30	Av	Imelda Daly
	Sun 20 th	9 30	Av	Joe & Mae Mc Grane
Dromin	Sun 13 th	10 30	Av	Fiona & Fintan Callan

Mass Wednesday evening 16th at 7:30. Bilingual Mass on Tues at 9 30 a.m. and Mass at 11 30 in Saint Brigid's Dunleer only.

Carers Group 'A' on duty this week.

Weekly Envelope & Plate collection for 6th €1,707.00.

Ardee/Collon Mission begins next Sunday evening 20th March at 7pm in Ardee Church. It is been conducted by Fr Brian Doyle, O.P.

Pray for: Julia Clarke Dromin and Drogheda who died recently

The Gospel forms a prelude to the imminent passion of Jesus Christ. It is placed here on the fifth Sunday of Lent because it is the first episode of the action being brought against Jesus. The scribes and Pharisees try to verbally condemn and crucify Jesus by setting the kind of legal trap they specialised in. If he forgives the woman he is held in contempt of the Law of Moses, and if he does not forgive, his reputation as a man of healing and forgiveness is gone.

In his wisdom, Jesus at first remains quiet. He allows a period of reflection while he bends down and writes on the sand - twice. This is the only instance given of Jesus writing anything. It is suggested that he wrote our sins on the dust or the sand, sins which would be washed away by the tide of his generous forgiveness.

Jesus then invites his listeners to make an examination of conscience. When they were confronted with their own sinfulness, the stones of condemnation fell from their hands, and they melted away. Significantly, it was the older people present who went away first. Age brings a certain mellowness in judgement and a deeper sense of one's own weakness. The crowd, which usually has a healthy appetite for condemnation, refuses to condemn when challenged by Jesus.

Jesus then rules out condemnation on his own part and offers forgiveness to the woman. It is not 'cheap grace'. It is not forgiveness without commitment. 'Go and sin no more' is the instruction given. Any sin is a serious matter and forgiveness presupposes humility of heart and the resolve to struggle with human weakness.

D&DHS present 1916 Commemoration Concert in St. Brigid's Church, Dunleer on Friday, April 1st at 7.30pm. Tickets € 20 from Post Office or Library.

Lann Léire C.P.G Lotto results 09/03/2016 No's 01.02.09.18. Wkly winners Angela Lennon & Eilish/David. J'pot €12,300.00. **Juveniles registration** for 2016 takes place on Wed 23/03/2016 @ 6.30 pm on the Lannleire pitch. We welcome all members and encourage non members and look forward to seeing everyone back training on the pitch.

Dromin NS is now accepting applications for September 2016. Application forms can be collected from the school.

