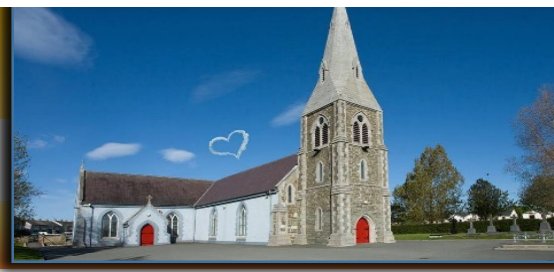


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MASS INTENTIONS	
Dunleer	
Sat, 15 th -July-2017 @ 7.30 pm	
Av	Mary Matthews Harry Callan
Sun, 16 th -July-2017 @ 11.30 am	
Av	Tom & Kathleen Brady & Brigid Brady Terry Taaffe & dec'd of family Maurice Ward & Alan Ward
Sat, 22-July-2017 @ 7.30 pm	
MM	Breda Fogarty
Dromin	
Sun, 16 th -July-2017 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Peter Brennan
Sun, 23rd-July-2017 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Peter & Mary Mc Cabe & Thomas & Kate Henry

Such crowds gathered around Jesus that he was in danger of being mobbed so he took up one of his regular stands. He got into a boat, moved out a bit from the shore, sat there and taught the crowds from the comparative safety of the boat. His teaching was as ingenious as his teaching methods. He taught in parables. He took some activity or incident and used it to illustrate a spiritual truth. This time, he took the example of the sower who went out to sow his seed. This was, of course the days before machines and long before the mechanisation or the industrialisation of agriculture. This was the Middle Eastern equivalent of the days of the bag-apron.

When he was asked why he spoke in parables, he replied saying that it was the only way of getting through to the people. They had become, as the prophet Isaiah had foretold, coarse of heart. They were slow to understand, despite all they heard. They were slow to perceive, despite all they saw. They did not want to see. They did not wish to hear. They did not want to be changed, to be converted, to be healed of their coarseness of heart, to be given insight into the world around them, or to hear the truth that would challenge them. At the same time, he tells them they are blessed, for many wished to see the day of the Messiah and to hear him speak, but did not live to see it. Those listening had heard the parables from the mouth of the Messiah, the son of God, and had set eyes on their saviour, but the seed that was cast among them, like the seed in the parable, was destined for mixed results.

Parables are not meant to be explained but they do raise questions. The observation of Jesus of the abundance of seed that the sower needed, or the generous way nature sows its seeds, is an insight that is true to life. Many or most seeds fall into unwelcoming, infertile circumstances. The word of God, similarly sown, falls on deaf ears more often than it falls into the heart of a hearing audience. The insights of scripture or of creation are hidden to those who are the most blind because they do not wish to see all that is being taught to them in nature and creation and in God's Word. Some seeds break into life through the concrete or the tarmac; some take root in unexpected places especially where we least expect it and, of course, some seed falls into a fertile soil and go on to bear much fruit. There is hope, especially when we remove the obstacles, when we clear the way and prepare the ground. When we open the eyes, unstop the ears and prepare the heart. Then the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled and the word of God does not return empty and succeeds in what it was sent to do.

Parish Notices

Parish Collection 09-07-2017
€1,950.00

Carers Group 'B' on duty this week.

Cappogue Patrun – Saturday 12th August @ 11.00 am. **Please note change of date and time**

Community Notices

An emergency All-Ireland Church collection for Trócaire will take place on the weekend of **22st/23rd July**

Lann Leire C.P.G. Lotto results 12/07/2017 No's 13.15.16.28. Wkly winners Alan Murphy & David Bowhan. J'pot €15,000.00.

St Kevin's Lotto Results 13/07/2017 No's 3.6.8.29.. No Jackpot Winner, Weekly €50 winners Paula Hughes & Ann Dunne. J'pot €6,300.00.

Pray For Patricia Fahy Nee Callan (sister to Patsy Callan) who died recently.