

DUNLEER PARISH BULLETINRev. M. Murtagh P.P. 041-6851278 Mob 086 879 5804 **March 19th 2017**Parish Website www.dunleerparish.ie E-Mail gmmurtagh@eircom.net

Dunleer	Sat 18 th	7 30	Av	Thomas, Elizabeth & Clem Faulkner Baby Max Crosby Mary & Peter Haggans
	Sun 19 th	11 30	MM Av	Patrick Lyons & dec'd family Ethna & James O Callaghan Elizabeth & Leo Mc Cullough & dec'd Eillis Mc Kenna
	Fri 24	10 00	Av	Johnny & Kathleen Bowden and John Bowden jnr
	Sat 25 th	7 30	MM Av	Nollaig Callan Charles Fay Stephen/Mary Croghan Mgt Fitzgerald Lima Barlage Reynolds John & Mary Brennan John & Moya Gregory Benny & Agnes Wogan and Sr Josephine Wogan.
	Sun 26 th	11 30	Av	Anna King Séan, John and Kelly-Anne Connolly. Patrick & Catherine Dowd Charles & Celia McArdle and Dec'd family.
Philipstown	Sun 19	9 30	Av	Kelly & Halpenny family dec'd
	Sun 26 th	9 30	Av	Aine, Bride & Johnny Bellew & Moira Belton

Lann Léire C.P.G Lotto results for Wed 15th. 2 12 19 20 No jackpot winner

Next weeks jackpot €15,000

St Kevins Lotto 16 march no jackpot winner . Wkly €50 prizes Gerldine Pentony x

Josephine Brennan 4 6 15 16 nxt wk €4600

Parish Collection 12-03-2017 €1865.00.**Carers Group 'C' on duty this week.**

Lannleire juveniles registration Wed 22nd March at 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm in the newly renovated clubrooms. Registration fee for the 2017 season is €30.00 and €50.00

The one she meets, Jesus, is breaking a few taboos. This was a breaking of cultural rules. Taking this woman seriously too was, I suspect, not thought to be good judgement on the part of Jesus. She realises that he knows her story and that knowing this burden that is called the 'past' he does not condemn her or condone her but offers her the fulfilment of that for which she (and we) have been thirsting all along - acceptance and real love. Our hunger is not finally satisfied at the most lavish table nor is our thirst slaked by the finest of wines.

As the conversation and the story develops, Christ uses the breaking through of religious and cultural barriers and the penetrating power of words of insight to get to the heart of this woman and to the heart of what it is to live. She in turn develops in faith and grows in respect for him, a respect that is shown in her use of words or titles to address him. She first refers to him saying 'you are a Jew and you are asking me'. She goes on to call him 'Sir'. She then refers to him as a prophet and finally realises and tentatively calls him by his true identity, the Messiah. She also witnesses to his insight, his power and to her transformation from being an outsider to one witnessing on the centre stage.

Christ, in his treatment of the woman gives us good pastoral example. He is tired and thirsty but he engages with the woman. He is not held bound by the laws of culture. He does not condemn or condone. He is pragmatic and compassionate. He meets the sinner and brings the person forward from their present situation. He puts the person first. Only faith impresses him.

In our days of 'irregular' unions and 'partners' and 'lifestyle choices' there are perhaps some principles here to guide us in our reaction. We keep our convictions and continue to set high Christian standards. We do not condemn but rather engage the other in a search for that which really matters, living water that which slakes the thirst and bread that satisfies the hunger. There is a deep and rich well available to us yet we prefer to draw water from the muddy, drying-up puddles of the world or we stay away from the well of grace and wisdom that is the scriptures and the sacraments.