

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS

Dunleer

Sat, 18th-Nov-2017 @ 7.30 pm

Av	Maura Reynolds & Mary Kelly James & Dorrie Woods & Dolores Woods
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Sun, 19th-Nov-2017 @ 11.30 am

MM Av	Paula Faulkner Stephen Kenny Frank Clarke Drogheda Dec'd of Byrne family
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Thu, 23rd-Nov-2017 @ 10.00 am

Av	Joan & Jimmy Matthews
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Fri, 24th-Nov-2017 @ 10.00 am

Av	Fr Patrick Dowd
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Sat, 25th-Nov-2017 @ 10.00 am

Av	Kathleen O Neill Hanratty
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Sat, 25th-Nov-2017 @ 7.30 pm

Av	Mary Callan Beechwood
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Dromin

Sun, 19th-Nov-2017 @ 10.30 am

Av	Jimmy Stokes & dec'd of family
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Sun, 26th-Nov-2017 @ 10.30 am

Av	Anthony Mc Cullough
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Once again we are cautioned to be vigilant. In today's gospel however there is an added ingredient. We are also taught to show initiative. We have been entrusted with the word. We are the custodians of the promise, of the scriptures and the covenants.

The story of the talents tells us something of human nature and something of the nature of God too. We are not all equal in natural attributes. There will always be greater and lesser than ourselves in terms of giftedness. We can be equal in effort though. This is one reason why we can never finally judge one another. We cannot weigh the effort of an individual and balance it against what that person has been given in life. Only God strikes that balance and when we try, we invariably get it wrong.

Those who are blessed with an abundance of gifts will have much expected from them. It is never enough for God that we rest on our laurels. This parable was spoken to those who lack enthusiasm. God finds no use for the shut mind, for the safe, mindless practice of religion. There is no religion without adventure. We can be imprisoned or paralysed by excess of caution. The servant who does the minimum is described as 'wicked and lazy'.

The gospel urges us to go beyond ourselves. We are all called to the master's happiness. It is not an easy inheritance. We will get the kind of judgement and the kind of judge we deserve. We judge ourselves daily by the decisions we make and the generosity with which we make them. Christ asks us for everything so that he can give us everything in turn. As the Communist maxim used to put it, 'from each according to his ability, to each according to his need'.

We are called not just to use and develop our gifts but to go beyond our concerns. We are taught to rise above ourselves, to go out in love of God and in love of others and to do so with enthusiasm. We await with vigilance and with action for the final invitation; 'Well done good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things. I will trust you with greater. Come and join in my master's happiness'.

Parish Notices

Carers **Group 'B'** on duty.

Envelope collection 12-11-2017
€1,765.00.

Annual Bereavement Mass

Sat Nov 25th @ 7.30 pm.

Missals (2018) for Readers in sacristies.

New Choir members invited for Dromin. Contact Sr Annunciata after 10.30 Mass plz.

Adoration on Thursdays from 10.30 to 5.30. Names wanted for some hourly periods please. Contact Claire 086 364 2610 or parish office.

St Kevin's Lotto result 09/11/2017 No's 04.10.22.31. Wkly winners Sheila Fogarty & Anne Dunne. J'pot €8,000.00.

Lann Léire C.P.G and Lann Léire Juveniles Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 1st December at 8:00PM in the Lann Léire Pavillion.

Lann Leire Lotto results 15/11/2017 No's 01.05.06.11. Wkly winners Roisin Cassidy & John Kennedy. J'pot €15,000.00.

Ardee-Collon Parish presents Mary Duff **Christmas Concert** with special guests Matt Leavy and Ruth Kelly Brady in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Ardee on Thursday 21st December at 8.00pm. Admission €20. Tickets are now available in the Parish Office.

Ardee photography club will hold an exhibition in Dee Hub Ardee Sunday 19th November from 2pm -5pm.All welcome.

Scoil Bhríde **Jumble sale** Dec 7th. Items in good condition and donations can be dropped into the school. Monies raised for St. Vincent De Paul & School resources.

Scoil Ui Mhuiri TY Trade Fair 30th November 6.30 – 8 pm in school. **Scoil Ui Mhuiri TY Presents "Sizzling Mikado"** 5th & 6th December @ 7.30 pm in Philipstown Community Centre.

Missionary group from Bethlehem visiting 2nd & 3rd Dec to sell religious articles made out of olive wood.