

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS

Dunleer

Sat, 30th-Sep-2017 @ 7.30 pm

Av	Bernadette Mc Evoy Eddie Rock Frank Clare Trevor, Rona & Francis
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Sun, 1st-Oct-2017 @ 11.30 am

Av	Teresa Farrelly David Boylan
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Wed, 4th-Oct-2017 @ 10.00 am

Av	Michael Campbell
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Philipstown

Sun, 8th-Oct-2017 @ 9.30 am

Av	Gerry & Anna Monaghan
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Dromin

Sun, 1st-Oct-2017 @ 10.30 am

Av	Oliver Brennan Patsy Mc Cullough
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Sun, 8th-Oct-2017 @ 11.00 am

Av	Peter & Una Sands & son Oliver Harry Conlon of Belfast
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The Sacred Scriptures speak constantly of change. The first reading speaks of a change of lifestyle. The person renounces sin to become law abiding and honest, we are told, and so wins life rather than the death which follows a sinful lifestyle. Those looking on, like the workers of last week protest that what God does is unjust. They would like to corner the market in God's favour and allow only their own kind access.

The Gospel speaks of a change of heart. The son who initially refuses the father's command, but afterwards, 'thought better of it' and went is held up as doing God's will. The one who promises but does not deliver fails to fulfill the will of the father.

'Only the donkey does not change his mind', runs a Portuguese proverb. Cardinal Newman said, 'To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often'. To change is a sign of freedom. We have been given the privilege and the freedom of making choices and making mistakes. God forces no one and invites everyone. We respond in freedom or not at all. We cannot force anyone to love us or even like us. True love needs freedom and God grants us that freedom to change, to mature, and to err.

We are free to choose and free to change our minds, like the people in the stories and the proof of our love is in our behaviour. We cannot say we love God and then go out refusing to carry out God's will by the way we treat or mistreat others. Christ found more openness and honesty in those who said no and later changed their minds. At least they were free to change, not rigid or frozen in their outlook and behaviour.

God does not tie any one to the past. Because one has a past does not mean one does not have a future. God asks that we respond in freedom, in action, and in love. Going through the motions or responding in a lukewarm fashion are not commended. Others, whom you may despise, will make their way into the kingdom before you.

Parish Notices

Carers **Group 'A'** on duty.

Envelope collection
25/09/2017 €1,875.00.

Dromin Patrun Oct 8th @
11 am with blessing of the
graves. Prayers @ 4 pm.

Community Notices

St Kevin's Lotto results 21/09/2017 No's 7.10.19.22. Wkly winners Mary Hughes & Geraldine Pentony. J'pot €7,300.00.

New Choir members required. Practice Tues evenings. Contact 6851278 or e mail
Welcome to our new Organist/Choir Director Daithi Kearney.

Pray For : Fr Wm Murtagh Clogherhead.