

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Dunleer

Sun, 20<sup>th</sup>-Jan-2019 @ 11.30 am

Av Michael King  
Nellie Fitzpatrick

Sat, 26<sup>th</sup>-Jan-2019 @ 7.30 pm

Av James & Teresa  
Darby  
Maeve Murphy  
Robert & Sheila  
Gaffney

Sun, 27<sup>th</sup>-Jan-2019 @ 11.30 am

Av Patsy Hand

### Philipstown

Sun, 20<sup>th</sup>-Jan-2019 @ 9.30 am

Av P.J. Louise, & David  
Grogan  
Philip Grogan

### Dromin

Sun, 27<sup>th</sup>-Jan-2019 @ 10.30 am

Av John & Mary  
Cunningham

## Parish Notices

Carers **Group C** on duty.

**Pray For:**

**Danny Clarke Drogheda father to our parishioner Tony Clarke.**

**Senior Citizens Party Jan 24th at 3p.m. in The Grove.**

Everyone intending to go to the party please contact Trisha 0858647378 before Monday 21st Jan at 1pm.

This sounds like a simple wedding story to our ears, a story of a family's honour and the happiness of the couple's day being saved by the miraculous and instantaneous creation of extra wine (as if the creation of wine from water by Mother Nature was not miraculous in itself). This is not however a story of Jesus doing a good turn. It is a highly symbolic story which begins in Saint John with the introduction, 'on the third day'. This is a story overlaid and underpinned with meaning to those who seek out the mind of God. To the people of the Old Testament it might call to mind the teaching analogy of God as wedded to his people as in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. The covenant people were called into a free and faithful and loving exchange with the God who created them. Sometimes the people broke the covenant and prophets used tough, uncompromising images and wrote hurt-filled stories portraying the people as an unfaithful, forsaken, or abandoned spouse. To those of us who are a New Testament people the wedding story might call to mind Saint Paul's teaching of Christ as the bridegroom and the church as bride, united in a love which, like God's love is faithful, forgiving and communicating. The opening prayer in a nuptial Mass prays, 'Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his church...'

This miracle story or faith story is also a story of beginnings. Not only are a couple beginning a life journey together, but Christ is beginning his adult ministry and revealing his first miracle. He reveals his mother, whom he calls 'woman'. She is revealed as the new woman, the new Eve who will help undo the effects of our original and common sin, the sin of pride, disobedience and rebellion. She will do this by her virtues of humility, her willingness to seek and do God's will and her faithfulness, even to the foot of the cross. She signifies the beginning of a new creation.

The good wine, wine that, in the words of the psalmist 'cheers man's heart' and which is now kept for the last represents the joy, the harvest, the feast and the communion which is eternal. Heaven is often represented to us as a feast or banquet, as the consummation of our relationship with God. God's eternal and unsurpassable generosity is revealed in this miracle. We are invited to respond with similar generosity. Jesus has given us a story full of irony and humour. He has also given us a sign. By this sign we know that he shares in God's power and glory and we are called to a response of faith. There is now a new covenant, a new law, a New Testament, Good News. 'Do whatever he tells you' counsels his mother. The sign, the miracle and the simple story of the wedding feast reveals much to the one who will listen and understand. We come to know about the God we believe in by observing his generosity and wisdom reflected in the words and works of the Christ who is beginning the work of his adult life, calling God's people to faith and inviting a generous response.

***There will be no Adoration in Dunleer during February to facilitate the work on the lighting.***

*Scottish (Burns) night Drumshallon Forge Fri 25<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. Adm €10*

**Lann Leire C.P.G.** Lotto results 16/01/2019 No's 02.03.18.27. Wkly winners Thomas Caffrey & Paddy Darby. J'pot €1,900.00.

**St Kevin's Club** Lotto 10/01/2019 No's 09.12.13.21. Wkly winners Sean Dowling & Paul Mc Quaid. J'pot €10,000.00.

**Scoil Bhríde** is now taking names for Junior Infants for September 2019 and 2020. Please phone the school on 041 6851392 or email us at [scoilbhríde60@hotmail.com](mailto:scoilbhríde60@hotmail.com) for an enrollment form. Enrollment forms are also available to download from our website ([www.scoilbhrídelannleire.ie](http://www.scoilbhrídelannleire.ie)).