

**DUNLEER PARISH BULLETIN**Rev. M. Murtagh P.P. 041-6851278 Mob 086 879 5804 **Jan 22nd 2017****Parish Website [www.dunleerparish.ie](http://www.dunleerparish.ie) E-Mail [gmmurtagh@eircom.net](mailto:gmmurtagh@eircom.net)**

<b>Dunleer</b>	<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7 30</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>Maeve Murphy Teresa &amp; Thomas Landy</b>
	<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11 30</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>Nellie Fitzpatrick Michael King</b>
	<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7 30</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>Tess Darby Patsy Hand Matthews family Cappogue</b>
	<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11 30</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>Bernard Clarke</b>
<b>Philipstown</b>	<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9 30</b>	<b>MM Av</b>	<b>Alo Callan Brendan Matthews</b>
	<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9 30</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>P.J. , David &amp; Louise Grogan</b>
<b>Dromin</b>	<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10 30</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>Patricia, Joe &amp; Kathleen Meehan</b>
	<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10 30</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>Mary &amp; John Cunningham &amp; dec'd family</b>

**Parish Collection 16-01-2017 €2,025.00****Carers Group 'A' on duty this week.****Scoil Bhríde Lann Léire (Dunleer NS) is accepting enrollments for September 2017 and 2018. Please contact the school (041 6851324) for an enrollment form.****Lann Léire Review February Edition Deadline Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.****Lann Leire G.F.C. Lotto** results 18/01/2017 No's 04.05.10.25. Wkly winners Tom Dunne & Geraldine Caraher. J'pot €15,000.00.**Philipstown N.S** 2017/2018 enrolment forms are available from the school office. All applications should be returned by the end of January.**Irish Blood Transfusion Service** Scoil Ui Mhuiri Dunleer 23-01-2017 5.30 pm – 9 pm.

This is a gospel of beginnings and of endings. John has been imprisoned, we are told. The gates of a prison have closed on the mighty voice of John. This marks the end of the preparatory period for the Messiah and the effective end of the prophetic voice in the scriptures. It has always been the fate of prophets to end badly - even if their message survives.

This gospel also marks the start of Jesus' public ministry with its characteristically radical demands. Jesus begins to speak and to preach openly. He begins in what was then called 'Galilee of the nations', the crossroads of the known world. Sceptics and cynics had asked, 'can anything good come out of Galilee?'

Jesus preaching of the Good News is a message set to spread. The kingdom of God is being announced. Light is dawning that will dispel the long night of sin and death. The scriptures are being foretold. As the prophet Isaiah had said, 'The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light, On those who live in the land of deep shadow a light has shone'.

The Lord has come to take away the bar of oppression that weighed his people down, to remove the yoke that locked his people into suffering and slavery. The Lord, the light and help of mankind begins his mission among us. Salvation has come to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews.

Jesus' first teaching is a call to repentance and forgiveness. All of his subsequent stories are stories with a common thread of forgiveness. His dying words are words of forgiveness for the repentant thief and for his killers. His resurrection gift is that of the Spirit of forgiveness, offered to his repentant people.

This gospel represents a beginning for the Christian church and mission. To help Jesus in his work and to spread his word there follows the choosing of apostles. 'Follow me' he commands, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' The challenge of Jesus is radical and immediate. They are to be fishermen of the vast fishing-ground of the human race. There is an importance in Christ's choice of ordinary men who leave all, expect their humanity and follow him. The response of the apostles is an example of wholehearted obedience to Christ's call and to the point of great personal sacrifice.

Christ goes on his public mission all around Galilee, teaching, proclaiming the Good News and authenticating his claims by curing the sick. Where this continues, where repentance is preached, where the Good News is proclaimed, where people leave all to follow him and become fishers of men, then truly the kingdom of God is close at hand.