

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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All of us have to travel the hard road of disappointment at some times of our lives. Like the Emmaus journeyers on their seven mile hike from Jerusalem, it's good to have a companion to talk to along the way. 'Goiraíonn beirt bothar', two shorten a road as the Irish proverb puts it. The post mortem, the reflection after the event is an important part of the experience. The important and the trivial get sorted. Our friends on their village journey were trying to make sense of all that has happened, and all that failed to happen. They had expected to march down the broad avenue of victory and glory. Now, all they have is the hard road of defeat, disillusionment and despondency. Their faces are, 'downcast'. They, 'stop short' at the enquiry of the stranger who joins them on their journey. The stranger revealed to them that all happened as it had been promised in the sacred scriptures. The scriptures had foretold it all. How easily we forget the lessons of the past.

Events unfold not as we might wish or will them to. All things develop in accord with God's providence and will and usually not in rhythm with our own designs in life and our grand plan for the world. The best laid plans of mice and men go oft astray, to paraphrase Robert Burns' ploughman on turning over the dormouse's nest.

The stranger set their hearts on fire, opened their eyes, made them thirsty for more. They invited him to stay though he had called them, 'foolish men' and judged them, 'slow to believe'. They had sought and expected glory while bypassing the way of the cross.

As he prayed a blessing over the bread, the penny dropped. They recognised him. As recognition dawned his presence melted as a morning mist gives way to the light of day. These hikers to Emmaus turned on their heels to return to Jerusalem. The women were right after all! They should never have doubted their word. He was risen. Hadn't they seen him with their own eyes. His breaking open of the scriptures had set their hearts on fire. Didn't they recognise him at the breaking of bread.

<b>Sat Apr 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>7 30 p.m.</b>	<b>Michael and Christine Brennan.</b> <b>Patk and Eileen Pepper and Pat Pepper.</b> <b>Jim Harmon</b> <b>James/ Agnes Harmon</b> <b>Jimmy O Connor and</b> <b>Jamie Kirwan and Patk O Connor.</b>
<b>Sun Apr 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>10 30 a.m.</b>	<b>Wm Carroll</b>
<b>Sun Apr 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>11 30</b>  <b>M. Mind</b>	<b>Tommy, Peggy and Tom Grimes.</b>  <b>Eileen Callan</b>  <b>Ben and Teasie Mc Cann</b>
<b>Wed April 26</b> <b>10 a.m. Av</b>	<b>Wm and Rene O Neill</b>
<b>Fri April 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10 a.m. Av</b>	<b>Thos, Brigid and John Duffy.</b>
<b>Sat April 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Joan Rigney</b> <b>John Helena and Brendan Duffy</b> <b>Dahmane Hocine</b>
<b>Sat April 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>7 30 p.m. Av</b>	<b>David Flynn</b> <b>John and Kaye Durnin</b> <b>M Mind Peter Johnston</b> <b>Rob't and Mgt Kearney</b> <b>and Baby Elisha Kearney.</b>
<b>Sun April 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10 30 a.m. Av</b>	<b>Wm Lynch</b>
<b>Sun April 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>11 30 a.m.</b>	<b>Anne Mackin</b> <b>Josie Ward</b> <b>Bartle Woods and</b> <b>Michael and Kathleen Woods</b> <b>Maura and Paddy McGrory</b>