

DUNLEER PARISH BULLETIN

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Dunleer	Sat 22 nd	7 30	MM	Brenda Higgins
	Sun 23 rd	11 30	Av	Peggy Carroll, Noel Carroll & Peter & Kathleen Flanagan
	Wed 26 th	10 00	Av	Peter & Alice Flynn
	Sat 29 th	7 30	Av	Patrick & Annie Devine
	Sun 30 th	11 30	Av	John Paul Reynolds
Dromin	Sun 23 rd	10 30	MM Av	Breda Taaffe Carmel Taaffe & James Taaffe Johnny & Ciss Larkin
	Sun 30 th	10 30	Av	Jean Logue

Wed 7th Dec at vigil mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: presentation of **Pioneer pins** to those celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years as a pioneer. If you are eligible to receive a pin to mark your time as a pioneer, please contact MI Flanagan on 086 8187988 or Patsy Carroll on 087 0642818. New members always welcome.

Carers Group 'C' on duty this week.

Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony in Grove House 8pm26-10-2016. Finger food follows the awards ceremony.

SOS in partnership with **St. Kevins GAA** is hosting a **Wellness Workshop** on Saturday, 12th November, in St Kevin's Community Centre, Philipstown, Dunleer, Co. Louth. This is a full day workshop running from 9am – 4.30pm with lunch included. If you or anyone you know would like to attend please contact Jacqui or Lisa on 1890 577 577 to book your **FREE** place. * **Please note that we can only take bookings by telephone.***

Lann Leire G.F.C. Lotto results 19/10/2016 No's 6.14.17.27. Wkly winners Michael Durnin Jr & Lucy Murphy. J'pot €15,000.00.

Church Gate Collection W.A.T.C.H. Club an activity club for blind and partially sighted people 22/23 October 2016.

Annual Bereavement Mass Sat Eve Nov 26th. If you have a loved one who died outside of Dunleer Parish and whom you would like remembered, please contact us at above.

The foundation stone of all holiness is humility. It is an interior attitude that is hard to cultivate and hard to hide where it exists. Humble people are interested in you, have time for you and respect you. A few great people have this gift of elevating others in their presence. Its opposite number is, of course, pride. Pride is equally hard to hide and even harder to dislodge. It is the original sin, the root of all our sin. The one who is full of himself behaves differently to the one who has room in his heart for God and for others. Our prayer and our attitude in prayer and to prayer reveals a lot about ourselves and in prayer God is revealed to us.

There is seldom a clear cut difference as in the two profiles or caricatures we find in today's scriptures. There is humility in all who come to worship God otherwise we wouldn't be here. There is also the stubborn pride that has not been dealt with in all of us, the pharisaism of the publican. We like to have our merits and talents noticed, if only by God. Saint Thomas More said, on going to prayer, 'take from me all vainglorious minds'. There is also the pharisaism of those who don't come to prayer. How often have you heard the boasts of the immature of how long it's been since they've been to mass or to the sacraments. How often we hear or read of the righteousness of those who consider themselves above and beyond what they see as the failures of religion. 'I'm an atheist thank God'.

The prayer which comes from the humble heart will pierce the clouds. The Lord, we are told, is no respecter of personages. Only faith and humility of heart impress God. God listens to those who serve and to those who approach in need. God delivers judgement and justice in good time. The prayer of the repentant sinner calls for answer more insistently than the righteous litany of the proud-hearted. The Pharisee said his prayer *to himself*.

Set out to pray with a humble heart. Empty your heart and your hands of sin and wrongdoing and approach God with confidence and self-respect. God listens to those whom the world ignores. No one is shut out. God is full of mercy, pouring forgiveness out generously to those who ask. Accept the invitation. Pray from a humble heart and praise God at all times and in all circumstances. You will go home at rights with God and you will be exalted in fulfillment of the promise of the Gospel.