

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS

Dunleer

Sat, 23rd-Feb-2019 @ 7.30 pm

Av Maísie, Harry &
Nollaig Callan
Kathleen Kelly

Sun, 24th-Feb-2019 @
11.30 am

Av Finn Mathews

Sat, 2nd Mar-2019 @ 10.00 am

Av Pdraig Callan
Packie & Queenie
Callan
Pat Burns
Dec'd of Coyle &
Conlon families

Sat, 2nd-Mar-2019 @ 7.30 pm

Av Michael & Esther
Lane
Geraldine Kelly
Bernard & Agnes
Wogan

Sun, 3rd-Mar-2019 @
11.30 am

Av Rose Lyons
Dympna & Pat
Malone & dec'd
Paddy Mc Grory

Parish Notices

Carers **Group B** on duty.

**Pray For: Fr Phelim
McKeown**

Parish Collection
17.02.2019 €1,775.00.

The prophet Samuel anointed David to be second king of Israel. Saul, because he had displeased God, was to lose his kingdom. His throne was to pass, not to his son, but to David, an unknown stranger from Bethlehem. When Saul heard this he was moved by anger and jealousy and his one desire was to eliminate his rival. David fled and took refuge in the mountains. Saul pursued him with an army, searching for him. The first reading describes an event that took place during that search. It describes David's reverence for an anointed king, his mercy for the one who was persecuting him unjustly, his pity for a man who was blinded by jealousy and anger. It took place in the days when the general law was 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth'.

In the early Old Testament the messengers of God, the holy men and women taught the people in their infancy as followers of God's law to exact, 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth'. Many then and many now have never managed to get beyond this childish rule designed for the immature and for beginners. The teaching of God as given in the Sacred Scripture is given to us slowly. It develops over time and like each of us, it matures and develops slowly as the years pass. In the Gospel extract from the Sermon on the Mount we have the fullness of God's teaching, an explanation of what is meant by Christian love, as taught by Christ and as shown in action by Christ during his lifetime.

Christ, in the extract of today has a different standard; different expectations of those who follow him. He teaches, 'To the one who slaps you on the cheek, present the other one too.' This is a far cry from the law of vengeance. Christian love, he teaches, both in word and in action, is not motivated by the hope of reward or return. It does not judge or condemn. That is ultimately God's prerogative, because only God understands all. Christian love is generous, respectful of others, even those we disagree with, and generous in its forgiveness. If we wish to be loved and accepted, and all of us do, the advice of Christ is to love first, as God did, and others may respond. Christian love respects the dignity of others. It comes from a profound self-respect and it is rooted in respect for the things of God. It is shown in its fullness in the example of Christ and by the words of Christ at the end, respecting the thief at his right, 'This day I promise you...', forgiving his enemies and persecutors, 'Forgive them...', and living up to his own teaching in all its fullness, 'Greater love has no-one than to lay down his life for his friends'.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service Scoil Uí Mhuiri 28/08/2019 5 pm – 8.30 pm

Lann Léire C.P.G. Lotto results 20/02/2019 No's 07.14.16.19. Wkly winners Jimmy Campbell & Martin Mc Grory. J'pot €2,400.00.