

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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Jesus not only gives his listeners a model for all prayer but also gives them a few basic principles as well. Ask, search and knock, he tells them. If an earthly father, with all his faults wants only the best for his children, then how much more does God, who is all good, wish only the best for us his children. Trust in God, be persistent, lastingly patient like Abraham, and knock on God's door with faith and with trust, the trust you have or had in your parents.

Prayer is not to be our attempt to get God to organise the world according to our plan. It is not an exercise in twisting God's arm or bribing God with promises. Often we need to overturn our selfish attitudes before turning to God in prayer. We must not try to impose our will on God, saying, 'thy will be done' but in our hearts wishing, 'my will be done'. Prayer, at its purest, ought to be a surrender to whatever God wills for us, making ourselves available to God's will, with confidence that it is God's fatherly concern which is being played out for us in the circumstances of our lives. We ought never to try to change God but to ask God to change us, to form us as his children.

Our greatest mistake in prayer is talking too much. We are slow to listen, to listen in silence to whatever God is teaching us in the rhythm of our own lives, slow to listen to the scriptures and the prayers of the Mass and our devotions, slow to listen to the still small voice of conscience reminding us of what is right and true, slow to listen to the wisdom of those whom we trust as our spiritual guides and leaders. There are so many other voices, other gods, clamouring for the attention we give them, that listening, even just being quiet, thinking, reflecting and meditating become difficult.

There is a time for many words, as in the rosary. There is a time for a few well chosen words, mulled over and rolled around in our minds, as in prayers like the Our Father. There is a time for few words as in the praying of the name of Jesus or of a line of scripture and there is a time for silence, the silence which imitates that of two people at ease with other. There is a time for thanks and praise, a time for petition and a time for simply giving time. We assume that God always has time for our concerns and that we never have time for prayer. If we need patience in prayer, how much more must God show patience with us.

Sat July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. Av	Angela Taaffe
Sat July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7 30 p.m.	George Harmon
Sat July 30 <sup>th</sup> 7 30 p.m.	Larry McGuill  Séan and Kenneth Carney  Thomas and Letitia Murphy and Dec'd.  Nannie Rock
Sun July 31 10 30 a.m.	Peter and Mary McCabe and Dec'd.
Sun July 31 <sup>st</sup> 11 30 a.m.	Grace Harris  Patrick and Margaret McDonald and dau Mae.  MM Barney Grimes

Cappogue Patrún Sat Aug 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

Envelope/Plate Collection for Sun July 17<sup>th</sup>  
€1625.