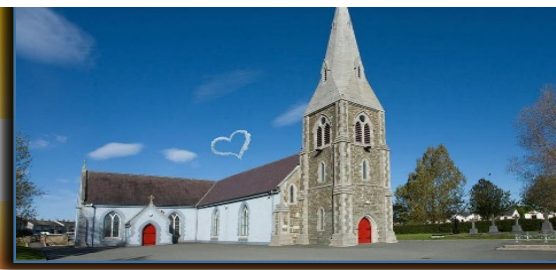


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MASS INTENTIONS

Dunleer

Sat, 24-June-2017 @ 7.30 pm

Av Joe & Claire Clinton
Baby Freya O Rourke

Sun 25-June-2017 @ 11.30

Av Liam Gaughran

Mon, 26-June-2017 @ 10.00

Av Paul Matthews

Sat, 1st-July-2017 @ 10.00 am

Av Chris Darby

Sat, 1st-July-2017 @ 7.30 pm

Av Benny Dunne

Sun, 2nd-July-2017 @ 11.30 am

Av Dec of Lyons family
Bridie Kearney

Dromin

Sun, 25-June-2017 @ 10.30

Av Kathleen Nevin & dec'd
of family

Philipstown

Sun, 25-June-2017 @ 9.30 am

Av Edward & Ellen Rogers
& Johnny Rogers

Sun, 2nd-July-2017 @ 9.30 am

Av John, Anne, Pat, Joe,
Mary & Martin Durnin

Three times in the Gospel of today, Christ tells the disciples not to be afraid. They are being sent out and their encouragement is an admonition not to fear. He tells them that all that is unclear to us now will one day be made clear. The truth will win out in the end. Justice will be done eventually. The truth will out and the truth, as Saint John wrote, will set you free. Christ tells them to proclaim his message and his identity from the housetops. He encourages them to be fearless in their witness to him even when this witness might lead to their suffering or even death.

Christ then tells the disciples that they are of infinite worth, like everyone else, in the eyes of the Father. He tells them that God knows them intimately, that he has counted the hairs on their heads as the saying puts it, he tells them once again that there is no need to be afraid. He instructs them to fear not the loss of the body but rather the loss of the immortal soul. He invites them and by extension ourselves to look after the affairs of the soul or spirit and to give them the generous attention that we currently give to the body.

Finally Christ makes a promise, a simple promise and a just promise to his disciples and to his followers. He tells them that those who are faithful to him in life will find that he is in return faithful to them and those who disown him in life by their neglect and indifference and apathy will be disowned by him in turn. The disciples can be under no illusion as to the dangers they will face in their work of witnessing to the Gospel. As the prophets of old were rejected and as Christ was rejected they are told that they too will face rejection and difficulty as they proclaim who Christ really is and that sin is the only real enemy they need to fear. They are told that divine justice will prevail, that everlasting unforgettable disgrace is the lot of those who work against truth and justice and against those who proclaim it. We are told in our first reading that God delivers the souls of the needy, that evil does not prevail, that sin or death does not have the last say.

Be not afraid then. The promise of Christ is of victory those who remain faithful. Do not disown him and he will not disown you or yours. Come to know him in his true identity as the son of the Father. Come to love, to follow, to imitate and to serve him. Give witness to him in all that you say and do and are and then, with Our Lady's help you may be found worthy of the promises of Christ.

Parish Notices

Parish Collection 18-06-2017
€900.00.

Carers Group 'B' on duty this week.

Recently Deceased:

Pray for: Breda Fogarty, Mother of
Anne, Kim, Eamon & Pat.

Community Notices

St Kevin's Lotto 15/06/2017 No's 8.24.26.27. No jackpot winner. Wkly winners Nick Mackin & Hal Crawley. J'pot €5,900.00.

Lann Leire C.P.G. Lotto results 21/06/2017 No's 12.13.14.22. Wkly winners Stephen Meade & Ray & Oisin. J'pot €15,000.00.

I.S.P.C.C. Church Gate Collection Sat 8th & Sun 9th July.

Dunleer Parish Pilgrimage to **Lourdes** Sept 22-27th €699 pps. Hotel Paradis. Flights Dublin/Lourdes (Tarbes). See Parish Facebook page or contact Marathon 01 4755010.

"A public rosary will be held on Saturday the 1st of July at 3pm in the Market Square Dundalk (beside the Courthouse). All are welcome!"