

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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Parish Picnic on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> after last Mass.  
 Mosstown Patrún June 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon  
 Dromin Patrún Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

It's hard to take final leave of those we love. We walk and drive slowly in our funeral processions as if to prolong the presence of our loved ones. Occasionally we speak of celebrating the life of someone we loved but the dominant mood of leave taking is sorrow. Yet the apostles 'went back to Jerusalem full of joy'.

Maybe at last they understood the message Christ had been trying to teach them all along; that the Messiah had to suffer, to die, to rise again and to return to the Father and then the Spirit would be sent. Jesus reminds them that they are witnesses to this. They have been given a privileged place in the story and now they are called to witness joyfully to what they have seen and heard to the whole world.

The message they are to witness to is a message of forgiveness and reconciliation. This has been a constant theme in Christ's life and now he takes leave of his earthly mission reminding the church of its mission to preach forgiveness of sin. Christ has completed the work of healing. He has opened for us the choice or the possibility of returning to the Father too. The apostles have changes during the period between Jesus' Resurrection and his Ascension. Their fear of death has gone. They have developed in their understanding of the Scriptures. They have greater insight and see the truth more clearly. They are beginning to be 'covered' by the Spirit.

Christ leaves with a blessing and the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit. The absent Christ will henceforth be present, not in the flesh and blood presence of the incarnation but in the sacraments and signs which will witness to his presence in the world and in the work of reconciliation entrusted to the church.

As he leaves he takes with him his human nature; the humanity he assumed so as to take on and overcome suffering and death on our behalf. His presence with the Father and the Spirit means that our humanity is dignified by being represented within the Holy Trinity. He shared our humanity so that we could share his divinity.

Sat May 28 <sup>th</sup> 7 30	M.M. Brendan (Fred) Woods Elizabeth Keaskin Mary Matthews (Mountainstown) and Dec'd of Roe Family. Paddy and Bernadette Dowd. Trevor Murtagh and Hughes Family Dec'd
Sun May 29 <sup>th</sup> 10 30	Luke, Catherine, Eileen Halpenny and dec'd family and Mary Rice.  Noel and Jacqueline McGahon
May 29 <sup>th</sup> 11 30	M.M. Anne Macken  Jack and Vera Byrne  Frances Shelbourne
Tue May 31 10 a.m.	B Rem Marie Carrie
Sat June 4 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.	Bernadette Lennon
Sat June 4 <sup>th</sup> 7 30	Alisha Kearney Kirwan
Sun June 5 <sup>th</sup> 10 30	Josie, Frank and Frankie McCartney
Sun June 5 <sup>th</sup> 11 30	Mollie, James and Patrick Mackin Thomas Catherine Paul and Sr Angela Durnin  MM Josie Ward