

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS	
Dunleer	
Sat, 30 th -Mar-2019 @ 7.30 pm	
MM	John Flanagan
Av	Bertie, Gerard, Mary & Thomas Dorian Paddy & Peter Lynch
Sun, 31 st -Mar-2019 @ 11.30 am	
Av	Molly Hogan
Mon, 1 st -April-2019 @ 10.00 am	
Av	William & Rene O Neill
Tue, 2 nd -April-2019 @ 10.00 am	
Av	Mary & Ellen Grimes
Thu, 4 th -April-2019 @ 10.00 am	
Av	Anne Devenney
Sat, 6 th -April-2019 @ 10.00 am	
Av	Paddy Gaffney
Sun, 7 th -April-2019 @ 11.30 am	
MM	Tommy Farrelly
Av	Baby Gerard Matthew Byrne
Philipstown	
Sun, 31 st -Mar-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Dec'd of Kelly & Halpenny families
Sun, 7 th -April-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Tom Powderly & dec'd of family Joseph, Paul & Meg Mc Ardle
Dromin	
Sun, 7 th -April-2019 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Paddy & Ally Henry & dec'd of Henry & Halligan fam Mary Duffy

There are lessons which are timeless in the story. Perhaps the young have always had the urge to be prodigal. Maybe there is a prodigal church of the lapsed out there waiting for us to be generous to them. Maybe it is better to act out and regret it than to remain passive aggressive and sullen. It was not only the empty belly which drove the prodigal home but the memories of a good, forgiving, accepting and tender home and parents which made it possible for him to return.

There are few prodigals though. The mire of sin drags down the indulgent in addiction, in coarseness and hardness of heart until it is often impossible to turn one's life around. Degeneration sets in and leads to spiritual and actual death. Few return from spiritual death. The reality is that few people have the strength of character to turn their lives around as the Prodigal Son did.

For most of us, repentance and conversion are a lifelong struggle, a slow turning, sifting truth from falsehood, truth from lies, wisdom from foolishness. What we are reminded of, during Lent especially, is to turn to God who receives us with joy and generosity. We are to confess our sin humbly and with courage, to accept God's forgiveness and not to refuse it or begrudge it to others, to pass on the forgiveness we have received to others. The truth of the story is that God's love is greater than all sin, greater than all our misgivings, more generous than we can imagine. To ask that forgiveness and to accept that forgiveness and to be thankful for it is the only condition God proposes. One day we too may summon up the courage to compose our prayer of repentance and we may then come to the house of the Father.

Prayers:

I pray incessantly/for the conversion/of Prodigal son's/brother/ever in my ear/rings the dread warning:/the one has awoken/from his life of sin/when will the other awaken from his virtue? (Helder Camara)

O God, forgive me for seeking excitement and enjoyment in the allurements of the world which are never truly satisfying. If, like the prodigal son, I have gone in search of the wonders of the transient world, forgive me, and receive me back again into your encircling arms of love. (Kierkegaard)

Clocks go forward this Sat eve – Spring Forward!

Happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers and grandmothers.

Lann Léire C.P.G. Lotto results 20/03/2019 No's 11.12.26.28. Wkly winners Gerard Brennan & Emily Callan. J'pot €2,800.00.

Tax Rebate forms go out shortly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Last year we received back €15,238.55. Thank you

Parish Notices

Carers **Group A** on duty.

Parish Collection

24.03.2019 €1,800.00.