

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS	
Dunleer	
Sat, 2 nd -Feb-2019 @ 7.30 pm	
Av	Nancy & Patrick Simpson James & Ellen Mackin Mary Brady Barney & Kitty O Hare & Christine Morgan Tommy & Mgt Lane & Michael & Mary Lane John & Teresa Dowling Baby P.J. Mc Gahon Fergus & Agnes Mc Cann
Sun, 3 rd -Feb-2019 @ 11.30 am	
Av	Adrian & Anthony Kelledy Bernard Clarke John & Josephine Dowd
MM	Brigid Healy
Sat, 9 th -Feb-2019 @ 10.00 am	
B.R.	Stuart Callaghan
Sat, 9 th -Feb-2019 @ 7.30 pm	
Av	Billy Mc Carthy Commitment Ceremony
Sun, 10 th -Feb-2019 @ 11.30 am	
Av	Paddy & Mary Boyle Mal Reilly David Tiernan
Philipstown	
Sun, 3 rd -Feb-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	James, Mary & Francis Campbell Brendan Matthews
Sun, 10 th -Feb-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Joe, Molly & Paddy Halpenny
Dromin	
Sun, 3 rd -Feb-2019 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Annie Marry Hugh Corrigan & dec'd of Magee family
Sun, 10 th -Feb -2019 @ 10.30 am	
MM	Michael Logue
Av	George Doggett Noel & Briega Dromgoole & Shane

Going home can be a rewarding experience. The familiar faces in the synagogue and in the streets must have brought great joy and many memories flooding back to Jesus. From the rock of this small intimate community he had been hewn and then sent out. This was the corner of the world which was best known to him yet he receives a somewhat chilly reception from his own people. Jesus, with his disciples goes to the synagogue and preaches and his hearers are astonished. They ask, where did the man get all this? This is the crucial question which should have led them to faith. God has always chosen someone from the people, to speak to the people. The faith of the Nazarenes hesitates before the person who to them is ordinary and familiar. This is not how they imagined the Messiah would be. They tease him with the implication that while he may have fooled others in the surrounding area, they cannot be fooled because they think that they know him. Familiarity breeds contempt. They judge reports of Jesus' miracles as empty rumour. Firstly they praise him from a distance. Later they challenge him. Finally they condemn him.

Jesus counters their lack of faith by telling them, in the course of two famous examples, that it has always been so. The Hebrew people have persistently failed to believe the prophets and the irony is that this will be the lot of Jesus too. The anger and the closed-ness of the congregation is nothing new. Their withdrawal of confidence disarms Jesus. Faced with their non-acceptance of his divine source and origin, he can no longer work miracles. Perhaps Jesus' miracle in this instance is that he escaped their clutches at the end of the story. A lesson we can draw from this account is that there is a way of paralysing someone, of reducing them to powerlessness, by withdrawing confidence from them. When we use ready-made categories, when we label, stereotype, pre-judge, bad-mouth or blacklist others, individuals or social groups, then we imprison them and block their possibilities. We leave no room for hope, development, or change. We suppress their energy, discourage them, and set a final seal on them with our hasty and ill-considered judgements. 'The man who slanders his neighbour in secret I will bring to silence' Psalm. 100. We have all heard damning condemnations beginning with, 'Sure I remember when...'

God speaks to us too, not always through extraordinary events or people but through very ordinary human beings like ourselves, whether outsider or native. It is our task to recognise the unpredictable presence of God in our lives. Jeremiah thought he was too young to be taken seriously. God reassured him of his call, of his support, and of ultimate victory. It is our task above all to have faith in who Jesus was, since he was, we believe, truly the word made flesh, the Son of God, then we do well to recognise him in his many disguises and to actively look and search out his presence in word, in sacrament, and in the mystery which is self or another person, no matter how familiar.

There will be no Adoration in Dunleer during February to facilitate the work on the lighting. Adoration on Thurs in St Kevin's 12 30 to 4 30.

St Kevin's Club Lotto 24/01/2019 No's 19.24.28.32. Wkly winners Barry Meehan & Philip Brennan. J'pot €10,000.00.

Entrance: We Walk By Faith 146 Offertry: We Come To Your Feast 143

Communion: Christ Be Our Light 26 Recessional: Alleluia St Brigid

Parish Notices

Carers **Group B** on duty.

Tea/Coffee in Hall after 11 30 Mass today.