

DUNLEER PARISH BULLETINRev. M. Murtagh P.P. 041-6851278 Mob 086 879 5804 **March 5th 2017****Parish Website www.dunleerparish.ie E-Mail gmmurtagh@eircom.net**

Dunleer	Sat 4th	7 30	Av MM	Michael & Esther Lane Geraldine Kelly Niamh Mc Gahon Tony Quinn & Alice & Joe Johnston Agnes Mc Cann
	Sun 5th	11 30	Av	Dympna Malone Julia Clarke Paddy Mc Grory James & Mary Kearney Rose Lyons
	Wed 8th	10 00	Av	Wm & Rene O Neill
	Sat 11th	10 00	Av	Conlon & Coyle Family dec'd
	Sat 11th	7 30	Av	Matthew & Linda Matthews Nancy Corcoran Campbell family deceased Michael Dowd
	Sun 12th	11 30	Av	Trevor Murtagh & dec'd of Hughes family
Philipstown	Sun 12th	9 30	Av	Imelda Daly
Dromin	Sun 12th	10 30	MM Av	Briege Dromgoole Noel Dromgoole Shane Dromgoole Fintan & Fiona Callan

Parish Collection 19-02-2017 €1,710.00.**Carers Group 'A' on duty this week.****Tea/Coffee after last Mass in St Brigid's Hall.****Daffodil Day** Fri March 24th. Volunteers needed. Ruth Kieran 087 9185810**Alive newspaper available at church porches.****Peace Rosary on Thursdays at 5 30p.m. Expressions of interest to Claire 086 3642610****Pray For: Nollaig Callan who died recently**

In the few days that have passed since Ash Wednesday, many of you will have known what it is like to be tempted because you may have fasted or given up something for Lent. It is so difficult to resist temptation at the best of times, but when you are hungry or fasting, voluntarily or otherwise temptation becomes infinitely more difficult. We are advised in our consumer culture never to shop while we are hungry lest we be tempted to overspend. The ever-present challenges that Christ faces in the gospel story are the reality of temptation, trying to voluntarily go without something for a little while and taking time aside from the cares and snares of the world.

In answer to the Devil's temptations Jesus gives three answers in the Gospel;

Man does not live on bread alone,

You must not put the Lord God to the test,

You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.

With these counsels, Jesus dismisses the temptation to trust in the things of this world rather than trusting in God's Word and promise. He invites us to confront our distrust and disbelief by challenging our attitudes and confronting our sinfulness and blindness. He highlights the folly of confronting God and transferring blame onto God for all the woes which inevitably befall us and the world

The period of Lent is meant to reflect the forty year journey of the chosen people through the desert. In re-enacting this crucial historical event, Jesus reminds us of the escape of God's people from slavery and certain death and their epic desert journey into the promised land of life and plenty. In the desert, with its temptations and hungers, the people of God were formed. They were confronted with their own idolatry, with their hunger for the things of this world, and with their distrust of the God who journeyed with them, showing God's presence as a cloud by day and as a pillar of fire by night.

It may be easier to see and recognise our more obvious sins, the Original sins of pride and disobedience, and less easy to see the subtle failings that come between ourselves and God, between ourselves and others. Graham Greene wrote, 'It sometime seemed to him that venial sins, impatience, an unimportant lie, pride, a neglected opportunity, cut you off from grace more completely than the worst sins of all.' (The power and the glory.)

This is a time then for radical honesty, for facing down the devils and the demons within and without. It is a time apart, a time to re-form ourselves on the anvil of life. It is a time for fasting, for almsgiving and for praying, 'lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.'

Lann Léire C.P.G Lotto results 01/03/2017 No's 04.05.19.27. Wkly winners Suttly & Mary Lynch. Jackpot €15,000

St Kevin's Lotto results 23/02/2017 No's 11.16.22.26. Wkly winners Alan Fedigan & Daron Mc Mullen. J'pot €4,300.00.