

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS

Dunleer

Sat, 04th-May-2019 @ 7.30 pm

Av Teresa & Paddy Ward
 Johnny Brennan

Sun, 05th-May-2019 @ 11.30 am

Av Sean & Monica Hand

Tue, 07th-May-2019 @ 10.00 am

Av Ann Mc Cullough &
 Tom & Mary & dec'd

Sat, 11th-May-2019 @ 10.00 am

Av Matthews, Dolan &
 Walshe dec'd

Sat, 11th-May-2019 @ 7.30 pm

Av Peggy Landy, Bartle,
 Sarah & dec'd of family
 Angela Magrane
 Dermot & Mona
 Tiernan

Sun, 12th-May-2019 @ 11.30 am

BR Joe Fagan
 Av Celia & Charlie Mc
 Ardle & dec'd family

Philipstown

Sun, 05th-May-2019 @ 9.30 am

Av Peter & Emily Byrne

Dromin

Sun, 05th-May-2019 @ 10.30 am

Av Paddy Corbally, Annie
 & James & Ben
 Corbally

Sun, 12th-May-2019 @ 10.30 am

Av Paddy & Bridie Keaskin
 Marion Giggins
 Kathleen Taaffe

The disciples have returned to what they knew best. They have 'gone fishing' convinced perhaps that it was all over. Christ was dead, the dream had evaporated, they had returned to 'real life'. On the instructions of the 'stranger on the shore' they achieve a full net. Success returns to them as they follow the advice of the stranger and the long night of failure is over. The disciple Jesus loved recognised him and Peter, characteristically and literally, jumps in feet first and heads for the shore and for the risen Jesus. On the shore their togetherness is renewed by the sharing of bread and fish, a communion they thought they had lost is restored but this is the same Jesus, the same communion. Many things have changed though, and the disciples discover that they have to go on changing. As Jesus is transformed and transfigured by the resurrection, so they too are to be agents of change and to be changed themselves.

Peter, as a natural leader perhaps, is invited by Jesus to be a fisher of men and a shepherd of souls. There is some unfinished business from the recent past to attend to and Jesus asks Peter and commissions Peter three times. Do you care for me, do you love me, will you love and care for those whom I love and care for? Three times yes cancels out three times no. Peter's denial is changed into Peter the proclaimer as in the first reading from Acts. He preaches the way to salvation through forgiveness of sins. He has learned. He recognised Christ as divine, as the word made flesh living among us. The fisherman becomes a fisher of souls, the unreliable and unpredictable, shifting sands of Peter's nature becomes the rock on which a catholic church will be founded. All things are made new, re-created, transformed and transfigured in Jesus' resurrection and with the sending of the spirit. There is no way through to resurrection however except by the way of the cross. Jesus reminds Peter of the fate that awaits him and of the inevitability of suffering for those who would follow him. Suffering is the lot of everyone, but in Jesus it is changed into a gateway to glory. To follow him through suffering, through death and into resurrection is the commission of Peter and the work of the church. The re-creation of character; the call to be a follower, even unto suffering and death; the responsibility to shepherd and to gather in; these are the tasks given to Peter and the same tasks proper to those of us who hear and answer the call of discipleship. Our ultimate reward lies on the far shore of death. It is the fullness and the perfect togetherness of the communion of saints and the banquet of eternal life.

Parish Notices

Carers Group C on duty.

Darkness into light Sat May 11th at 4 15 a.m. See Website.

Pray For: Paddy Lane, Beechwood, Dunleer.

Parish Council Meeting May 9th at 7.30 pm in Hall.