

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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It has become convention to give the portrait of a holy person a halo. This represents the truth that the person was, in an especial way, a light to the world, a beacon of guiding light in the darkness.

The sermon on the mount which is continued in today's gospel sets this standard for all of us. We are all called to be holy, to be light to the world and salt to the earth. We are called to be a visible witness to the world of the truth and goodness of Christian living. We are not to hide our faith like a light hidden under a bushel or camouflage it so that it is invisible like the city built into the side of a hill.

We are called to be light to the world. Our faith is to be visible, not overly private. We can be too shy and too easily embarrassed in speaking of matters of faith. There used to be an old poster asking the question, 'If you were being convicted for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?' In our spiritual history we hear sometimes of holy persons who emanated light as if an aura were visible around them.

We have a story from our own monastic past and from our daughter parish Dromin. Saint Finian is associated with the monastic site that arose around Dromin in the centuries between 500 and 800 after Christ. The story tells of the arrival in Ireland of a copy of the Latin Vulgate Bible. This would have been the publishing sensation of its day.

It is said that Colmcille copied the book without permission and this led to dramatic consequences and a law of copy write. It was claimed that a novice monk noticed that a strange light emanated from the cell where the Vulgate Bible was found. On inspection, the light was discovered to come from the fingertips of Saint Colmcille as he transcribed the Bible.

Saint Finian was said to have been angered by this uninvited exercise and the law case went to the table of the High King, Diarmuid Ó Cearbhaill. Despite kinship between Colmcille and the king, the ruling went to Saint Finnian. The now famous ruling of the high king was, 'to every cow its calf, to every book its child-copy'.

<b>M Mind Sat Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 7 30</b>	Bregeen Matthews Barney and Kitty O Hare and Christine Morgan Mal Reilly Teresa and James Darby James, Mary and Francis Campbell John and Teresa Dowling.
<b>Sun Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 10 30</b>	M Mind Geraldine Crehan John and Mary Cunningham
<b>M Mind Sun Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 11 30 Av</b>	Kevin Carrie Bernard Clarke Hugh Corrigan and Dec'd of Magee fam.
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Johnny Hynes
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. B Rem</b>	Stuart Callaghan
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.</b>	Patsy McShane and Dec'd. Alice and Kathleen McKenna
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 7 30 p.m.</b>	Jim and Alice Carrie Alice Kearney John and Josephine Dowd Mary and Rose Dowd.
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10 30</b>	George Doggett and dec'd. Liam Brennan and Dec'd. Noel Breege and Shane Dromgoole
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11 30</b>	MM Frank Murray Av Larry Hand Paddy and Mary Boyle

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Parish Collection €1965