

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS	
Dunleer	
Sun, 7 th -April-2019 @ 11.30 am	
MM Av	Tommy Farrelly Baby Gerard Matthew Byrne John & Elizabeth Mc Ardle
Thu, 11 th -April-2019 @ 10.00 am	
Av	Michael & Christina Brennan
Sat, 13 th -April-2019 @ 7.30 pm	
MM Av	Tony Dunne John & Kaye Durnin Thomas & Elizabeth Faulkner & dec'd
Sun, 14 th -April-2019 @ 11.30 am	
BM	Kitty Halpin
Philipstown	
Sun, 7 th -April-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Tom Powderly & dec'd of family Joseph, Paul & Meg Mc Ardle
Sun, 14 th -April-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Lal Callan Tommy, Peggy & Tom Grimes
Dromin	
Sun, 7 th -April-2019 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Paddy & Ally Henry & dec'd of Henry & Halligan fam Mary Duffy
Sun, 14 th -April-2019 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Paddy Byrne Paddy Stokes

Parish Notices

Carers Group B on duty.

Pray For: Gerard Beirth Drogheda/Sheila Kelly Tullydonnell

Parish Collection 24.03.2019
€1,720.00.

The Gospel forms a prelude to the imminent passion of Jesus Christ. It is placed here on the fifth Sunday of Lent because it is the first episode of the action being brought against Jesus. The scribes and Pharisees try to verbally condemn and crucify Jesus by setting the kind of legal trap they specialised in. If he forgives the woman he is held in contempt of the Law of Moses, and if he does not forgive, his reputation as a man of healing and forgiveness is gone.

In his wisdom, Jesus at first remains quiet. He allows a period of reflection while he bends down and writes on the sand -twice. This is the only instance given of Jesus writing anything. It is suggested that he wrote our sins on the dust or the sand, sins which would be washed away by the tide of his generous forgiveness.

Jesus then invites his listeners to make an examination of conscience. When they were confronted with their own sinfulness, the stones of condemnation fell from their hands, and they melted away. Significantly, it was the older people present who went away first. Age brings a certain mellowness in judgement and a deeper sense of one's own weakness. The crowd, which usually has a healthy appetite for condemnation, refuses to condemn when challenged by Jesus.

Jesus then rules out condemnation on his own part and offers forgiveness to the woman. It is not 'cheap grace'. It is not forgiveness without commitment. 'Go and sin no more' is the instruction given. Any sin is a serious matter and forgiveness presupposes humility of heart and the resolve to struggle with human weakness.

The woman is freed from the certainty of death and given life. A few minutes beforehand she had faced certain and cruel death. She is offered an opportunity to reconstruct her life and to learn from her experience. The crowd are given a lesson in humility and the lawyers are shown an example of good pastoral practice, where the Law is interpreted with respect for the person, with due regard to brittle, broken human nature, and with the necessary call for constant reform of behaviour. Jesus is also sprung from the trap that the lawyers had set for him.

 Tea/Coffee in Hall today following 11.30 Mass.

Lann Léire C.P.G. Lotto results 27/03/2019 No's 03.08.18.28. Wkly winners Sean Kerr & Theresa Newman. J'pot €2,900.00.

St Kevins Club Lotto results 28/03/2019 No's 18.19.25.28. Wkly winners Cillian Mc Cullough & Ethna Callan. J'pot €10,000.00.

Dunleer Daffodil Day raised €3,370. Mid-Louth total €21,000.

Easter Arrangements 2019

Penance Service Mon April 15th at 7 30p.m. in Ardee.

Thurs 18th Mass of the Lord's Supper (Saint Brigid's) 8p.m. Good Friday Prayers 3p.m.

(Saint Brigid's) Stations of the Cross. Good Friday (St Brigid's 7p.m.)

Holy Saturday Confessions (Saint Brigid's) 12noon - 1p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass (Saint Brigid's) 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday Saint Brigid's. 11.30a.m.

Dromin 10. 30

P'town 9.30.

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