

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Dunleer</b>	
Sun, 6 <sup>th</sup> -Jan-2019 @ 11.30 am	
Av	Nuala, Ollie & John Reilly
Sat, 12 <sup>th</sup> -Jan-2019 @ 7.30 pm	
Av	Eoin Carney Teresa & Thomas Landy Claire Cunningham
Sun, 13 <sup>th</sup> -Jan-2019 @ 11.30 am	
Av	Michael Mc Cabe & dec'd of Cunningham family Bennie & Paddy Carrie Rose Dowd
<b>Philipstown</b>	
Sun, 6 <sup>th</sup> -Jan-2019 @ 9.30 am	
Av	Brigid Mackin & dec'd of Caffrey family
<b>Dromin</b>	
Sun, 06 <sup>th</sup> -Jan-2019 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Paddy Magee
Sun, 13 <sup>th</sup> -Jan-2019 @ 10.30 am	
Av	Thomas & Brigid Flynn & Kathleen Farrell Frank & Mona Cavanagh Patricia, Joe & Kathleen Meehan

## Parish Notices

Carers **Group A** on duty.

**Pray for:**  
**Brigid Healy Aclare**  
**R.I.P.**

**Senior Citizens Party Jan**  
**24th at 3p.m. in The**  
**Grove.**

The feast of the epiphany is a fitting conclusion to the nativity narratives. The message and the identity of the Christ child is revealed not only to shepherds and angels but to the whole gentile world in the persons of the three kings. God has spoken in a language appropriate to each hearer. To the shepherds he speaks of stables and mangers. To the wise men he speaks of scripture and of stars.

The identity of the child is recognised in the choice of gold, a gift fit for a king. Wealth is to be offered to the poor. His priestly role is recognised in the gift of frankincense, the gift appropriate for one who offers sacrifice. This one who is greatest of all and above all is honoured with the privilege of being servant of God and servant of God's people. His destiny is the destiny of everyman, the destiny and destination of the grave. This reality is reflected in the choice of myrrh, the stuff of anointing. This is a gift for one destined to die, though he is the author of life and the restorer of life.

The arrival of the Magi is also the end of a journey, the conclusion of a search. They have read the signs. They have come in search of wisdom. The wise still seek him; it is said, in the East. The West has its riches of the material kind but the East holds the key to riches of another kind. These grace-filled searchers have, unexpectedly perhaps, found majesty and kingship in squalid surroundings. They now stand before the truth incarnate. They lay their crowns at his feet because all the treasures of the world are but dust compared to the riches they have found in Christ.

Christ arrives and can still be found in many disguises. One of his favourites is childhood. Christ loves the childhood that he first took up in body and soul. Childhood is our teacher of humility, our rule of innocence, our image of gentleness. Christ leads us back to it in old age and counsels us to change and to turn in its direction during our mature years before we unpack at the end. He offers his kingdom first to children and invites us to follow his example of child-like simplicity.

The wise men have averted danger. They have not betrayed the child. Faithfulness is the language of real love. We betray Christ when the lives of children are given over to poverty, to war, to pornography, to emotional or physical neglect. Herod's invitation to party at his court is seldom refused. In accepting it we betray Christ and we betray our children. We refuse treasure. We turn our backs on truth. We choose a culture of death.

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**St Kevin's GAA** Lotto results 03/01/2019 No's 01.07.30.32. Wkly winners Jacinta Hayes & The Flanagans. J'pot €10,000.00.

**Lann Leire C.P.G.** Lotto results 02/01/2019 No's 02.07.18.23. Wkly winners Margaret Murphy, Mal Callan, Larry Hand & Gerry Rogers. €1,700.00.

New Year Projects: We hope to start soon on the upgrading of the lighting in St Brigid's; the provision of wheelchair spaces and the upgrading of the Grotto.