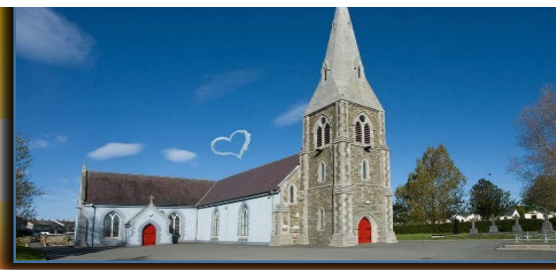


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MASS INTENTIONS

Dunleer

Sat, 8th-July-2017 @ 7.30 pm

Av Sarah & John Callaghan
Kevin & Kitty Browne
Richard Mc Donald

Sun 9th-July-2017 @ 11.30 am

Av Patsy Mulroy & dec'd of family
John, Maud & Gerard Byrne & Maureen Murray

Fri, 14th-July-2017 @ 10.00 am

BR Brenda Higgins

Sat, 15th-July-2017 @ 10.00 am

Av Angela Taaffe

Sat, 15th-July-2017 @ 7.30 pm

Av Mary Matthews
Harry Callan

Sun, 16th-July-2017 @ 11.30 am

Av Tom & Kathleen Brady & Brigid Brady
Terry Taaffe & dec'd of family

Philipstown

Sun, 9th-July-2017 @ 9.30 am

Av Kevin & Bridie Mc Kenna

Dromin

Sun, 16th-July-2017 @ 10.30 am

Av Peter Brennan

The readings of today tell us a great deal about the God we believe in. The first reading describes a God who is victorious, triumphant, yet who approaches his people in a humble guise, riding a donkey as in his days of Palm Sunday glory. This is a God of peace, a God who will banish the weaponry of war and turn it into something more productive, who, as the prophet Isaiah wrote, will turn swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks. This is a God of peace whose empire will spread further than the most expansive earthly one and whose reign does not come to an end.

The psalm gives us a litany of the attributes of our God, the God we gather to praise and thank. God is kind; full of compassion; slow to anger; abounding in love; good and compassionate. God is faithful in his words, loving in his deeds; supportive of those who fall under the weight of suffering or sin and a God who raises those who are bowed under by the yoke of oppression. And ourselves...

The gospel paints a picture of a God who reveals himself to the little ones. Christ, the word made flesh, the human face of God blesses the Father who pleases to reveal himself and make himself known to those who have first call on his ministry; the little and the least and the last in terms of this world. He also promises rest and repose for the overburdened. He is, by his own description, gentle and humble in heart. He invites us to take on the yoke of his teaching, the easy burden of imitating his example.

Saint Paul, in his own style also reminds us to focus on the spirit of Christ that has made its home within us. This is the spirit that motivates us to listen to the Gospel, to reach out for the sacraments and to remain faithful to the following of Christ. It is a spring welling up within us, overflowing into eternal life. It is a seed planted within us, hoping to take root and to flower and blossom into something wonderful in the light and warmth of God's face. It is our guarantee that suffering and death will not have the last say. The spirit of the resurrected Christ, living within us is beyond the touch of suffering and victorious over the sting of death.

Saint Paul tells us then to set our hearts on the things of the spirit rather than on things that fade and crumble. He reminds us that without the spiritual we are already dead. Without the sap of the spirit we are like dead branches waiting to fall, to be discarded and burnt. We are unproductive, producing no fruit, no harvest. We are invited to focus on real spirituality, on the spirit of Christ and on the following and imitation of the master rather than on the many bogus spiritualities of the day. Some say they do their own thing – they rarely do. Others say they are spiritual but not religious – they are often neither. Christ alone offers a spirit that is our guarantee and our wisdom and our rest until we come to final knowledge of God and eternal rest in him.

Parish Notices

Parish Collection 02-07-2017
€1800.00.

Carers Group 'A' on duty this week.

Cappogue Patrun – Saturday 12th August @ 11.00 am. **Please note change of date and time**

Community Notices

An emergency All-Ireland Church collection for Trócaire will take place on the weekend of **22st/23rd July**

Lann Leire C.P.G. Lotto results 05/07/2017 No's 5.9.12.19. Wkly winners Jacqueline Gough & Terry O Rourke. J'pot €15,000.00.

Dunleer Parish Pilgrimage to **Lourdes** Sept 22-27th €699 pps. Hotel Paradis. Flights Dublin/Lourdes (Tarbes). See Parish Facebook page or contact Marathon 01 4755010.