

Parish Newsletter, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**First Reading:** The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and the release of his people.

**Second Reading:** You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

**Gospel:** God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Masses

Saturday	Drumconrath	8.00p.m.-Vigil.
Sunday	Meath Hill	10.00a.m.-Patty Martin.
	Drumconrath	11.15a.m.-Francis Irwin.
Monday	Drumconrath	10.00a.m.
Tuesday	Drumconrath	7.30 p.m.-Private Intention.
Wednesday	Drumconrath	10.00a.m.-Liturgy of the Word and Communion.
	Meath Hill	7.30p.m.-Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.-Larry and Jenny Shekleton.
Thursday	Drumconrath	7.30p.m.
Friday	Drumconrath	10.00a.m.-Liturgy of the Word and Communion.
	Meath Hill	7.30p.m.-Private Intention.
Saturday	Drumconrath	8.00p.m.-Vigil.
Sunday St Patrick's Day	Meath Hill	10.00a.m.
	Drumconrath	11.15a.m.

**First Confession:** in Meath Hill on Monday evening at 7.30p.m.

**Requiem:** Kindly remember in your prayers Jimmy Carolan, who died this week. May he rest in peace.

**Alpha Lenten Adult Faith Course: Final two sessions will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.15.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Meath Hill, Tuesday 5.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. Drumconrath, Thursday 4.to 8.00p.m.

**Weekly Bingo:** Jointly run for the Parish and the G.A.A. every Saturday at 6.30p.m. in Drumconrath GFC grounds.

**Drumconrath GFC Lotto Results:** 2, 4, 20, 29. One Match Three Winner €120. Next Jackpot €4200.

**Meath Hill GFC Lotto Results:** 2, 5, 14, 27. One Match Three Winner €150. Next Jackpot €1800.

**Irish Bishops Say Stop the War Now!**

*"Let us say : enough is enough..Stop the War. In say this we join with many in our parishes, together with all people of goodwill, in demanding an immediate end to the daily horror of killing and wounding and destruction of infrastructure and property there."*

(Full text of this statement at the church door)

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Mark 3:14-21.**

- 1** Jesus speaks of himself being *lifted up*, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. It is God's wish that everyone who believes in Jesus will have 'eternal life', that is a relationship with God that begins now and survives death.
- 2** We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?
- 3** It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being *lifted up* by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.