

Blacklion / Glangevlin / Dowra community alert group will hold a meeting in Glangevlin hall on Thursday the 11th of October at 8pm. Everyone welcome. Also a big thank you to all who contributed to our recent church gate collection and to all the collectors who took it up.

The Cavan Darkness into Light Committee invite you to join them at the back of Cavan Institute, Cathedral Road, Cavan at 7pm on Wednesday 17th October as they present a cheque to Pieta House for the proceeds of this year's Darkness into Light walk. The evening will include the planting of this year's Memory Tree, along with a Ceremony of Light to remember those loved ones that we have lost to suicide. All welcome.

Shannon Gaels GAA: Club Lotto Result: Draw 30th September 2018 in the “Glan Bar”, Glangevlin. Numbers drawn were 3, 15, 16 & 22. No jackpot winner. €20's winners: Martin Doherty, Belcoo, Mel McLoughlin, Dowra, Pat Kennedy, New York and Mary Maguire, Blacklion. Next lotto draw for a jackpot of €6,800 takes place on Sunday, 14th September 2018 in the “Melrose Inn” Dowra. You can play our lotto online at any time by following this link <https://bit.ly/ShannonGaelsCavan>. Fixtures: Congratulations to our U-17 girls following their win over Lacken on Sunday last in the Division 4 Championship. For fixture updates check online at www.shannongaels.ie. Committee meeting on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 9pm.

Gala Festival 2019. We now have confirmation that the following will be appearing at our 50th Anniversary Gala Festival 2019 - Friday 26th July 2019 - Derek Ryan. Friday the 2nd August 2019 - Michael English. Saturday the 3rd August 2019 the Fureys will hold a concert in the Rainbow. Social Dance classes continue in the Rainbow on Monday nights at 8.45 for beginners and 9.30 for advanced. Card playing commences in the Rainbow on the 4th October next at 9 pm. Comholtas classes at 5.30 pm on Monday evenings. Kathleen Tahany Irish Dance Classes on Wednesday evenings at 5.30 pm. Keep Fit classes on Thursday evenings - 7.30 - 8.30 pm. Fior Ceili on Saturday next 6th October in the Rainbow with Raymond Looney (Co Tyrone). Dancing from 9.30 pm to midnight.

Today's gospel is challenging. It contains two instances of Jesus correcting a popular opinion of the time and offering an alternative way.

The first is one of the few times Jesus is presented as speaking about marriage. The question asked by the Pharisees is whether it is 'against the Law' for a man to divorce his wife. Note that they do not ask whether divorce is right, or just – only whether it is legal. They are testing Jesus of course. They know the answer and so does he: divorce was indeed allowed under the law. Divorce was relatively common in the society of the time, though there were different interpretations of the law.

But Jesus, as always, is less concerned about the law than the rightness of a situation. He directs his questioners instead to God's plan for marriage and the unity between a married couple. When he delivers his strongest words about divorce, it is in the context of adultery; the sin is not the breaking of the legal agreement, but the betrayal of one's spouse. The Pharisees are asking the wrong question.

The second part of the gospel sees Jesus once again teaching people to look at things in a new way. Children at the time of Jesus, not unlike wives, were often viewed as property, without any rights of their own. The disciples fail to show any concern for them when they turn them away. But Jesus welcomes them, blesses them, and treats them with love and concern. He goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their faith and openness. Another surprising attitude!

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