



NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C*

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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12TH DECEMBER 2021



GAUDETE SUNDAY

Caroline Doyle
The Parish Office
Parochial House
Tuesday to Thursday
10am – 5pm



ADVENT You are welcome, to join with Fr. Anthony for a Holy Hour in St. Cianán's 5-6pm on the Sunday evenings of Advent. It can be especially interesting for families to come to pray before Jesus in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as we prepare to celebrate his birthday. Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet every Tuesday from 9-9:30pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. To join in please email your request by lunch time Tuesday to duleekparish@gmail.com and a link will be forward to you. Just have a bible handy to aid your participation. We encourage young adults to join in and explore a little more the Word of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the Word of God made incarnate in Christ Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend you are welcome to seek the grace of this sacrament of healing. It is not necessary about saying anything, as God knows all, but humbly receiving the merciful love of God who unconditionally pardons our sins and rejoices in our being renewed in His abundant grace!

Let's stop what we are doing and be reconciled with God and one another! Please encourage family and friends to come back to God with all their hearts as we prepare for Christmas.

Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek
Saturday 18th Dec. 12-1pm & Sunday 19th Dec. 10:30 – 11:30am

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB

As we bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from our family cribs for a blessing at our Masses this *Gaudete Sunday* – *Joyful Sunday* let us focus on the reality of how Jesus was born in a stable. As we do so let us count our blessings for the comforts we have in the place we call home! Let us also remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have no such comforts in so many parts of our world this Christmas 2021.

THIS IS JOY: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith. Even in dark moments, that inner joy, of knowing that the Lord is with me, that the Lord is with us, that the Lord is Risen. The Lord! The Lord! The Lord! This is the centre of our life, and this is the centre of our joy. Think carefully today: how do I behave? Am I a joyful person who knows how to transmit the joy of being Christian, or am I always like those glum people, as I said before, who seem to be at a funeral wake? If I do not have the joy of my faith, I cannot bear and others will say: "But if faith is so sad, it is better not to have it". By praying the Angelus now, we see all of this fully realized in the Virgin Mary: she silently awaited God's Word of salvation; she welcomed it; she listened to it; she conceived it. In her, God became close. This is why the Church calls Mary a "Cause of our joy". Pope Francis, The Angelus, St. Peter's Square, Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday 2020

JESSE TREE Thanks to the children who took the time to make brilliant symbols for the Jesse Tress which has helped us all to understand better the family tree of Jesus. It is interesting to realise the background to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and to comprehend that his ancestors weren't so perfect but lived lives marked with sin and wrong doing no different to any of us or our families. Yet as God worked His divine plan through them, He continues to do so through us with his abundant grace and mercy. *"Prepare you a way for the Lord"*.

THE ADORATION APOSTOLATE in our parish invites everyone who has the time to commit to an hour or even a half hour every Tuesday to praying before the Blessed Sacrament, as they relaunch the Adoration Apostolate. Amid all that is going on, consider giving this sacred time to the Lord, praying in thanksgiving for all we have received and seeking blessings for those in our community who need healing or graces to cope with life at this time. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows 10am Mass until 12noon and resumes from 6-7pm every Tuesday in St. Cianán's, Duleek.** Adoration in St. Therese's Bellewstown will cease recommence in the New Year on 12th January.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT takes place in St. Therésé's, Bellewstown next Sunday 19th December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas. As a consequence of the renewed concern with regard to the spread of Covid it is hoped to also broadcast this service. Please check the newsletter next weekend and www.duleekbellewstownparish.com

The Parents Association of Scoil Naomh Treasa NS, Bellewstown are holding a Christmas Raffle on Tuesday 21st December. Lots of amazing prizes to be won see our Facebook page. €2 a ticket or €10 per book of 6. Please contact parentscouncil@bellewstownns.com or Anna-Marie 0863361831.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday **7:30pm** Nora Barry; Mary Clarke; Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher & Dec Brodigan Family; Noel McAree; Ann McDermott; Carmel & Andrea McQuaile.

Sunday **9am** John Dardis; Sally Hand.

12noon Patrick & Mary Andrews; Kevin, Eamon, Rena & Patrick Andrews; Cepta Cudden; Joey Egan & Dec Family; Richard, Cepta, James & Claire Lenehan ; Baby Darragh McGarry ; Peg & Aidan Seary.

Tuesday **10am** Sarah Christy; Sean Weldon; Donors Intention **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 12noon and resumes from 6-7pm**

Wednesday **10am** Missa pro populo

Thursday **10am**

Friday **10am**

Saturday **7:30pm** Eileen McGuinness M.M; Dec Brodigan Family; Seamus, Patricia & John Dardis; Johnny Lenehan; Harry O'Connor; Jennifer, Delia, Jim & Celia Murray & Dec Murray & Cunnane Family.

Sunday **9am** Elizabeth Burke; Michael Mimna; John O'Brien; Tom & Agnes Potter; Matthew & Lil Redmond.

12noon Kieran Cromwell; Jimmy & Anthony Cudden; Cyril Fleming; John & Margaret Fleming; Collette & Eddie Kent; Oliver Synnott.

Confessions on Saturdays 6:30pm - 7pm

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday **10am** Marie Martin M.M; Margaret Hampson 1st Ann; Dec Flood Family; Cameron Hagan.

Wednesday **9am** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am.

Sunday **10am** Vera & Leslie Ball; May & Claire Brannigan & Dec Family; Maureen Collier; John Hickey; Jim Ludlow.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday **11am** Tuesday/Thursday/Friday **9:15am**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday **6:30pm**

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 1,237.22
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): € 927.50
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61



TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 12TH & 19TH DECEMBER

Sat. 7.30pm Patricia McGlone Sun. 9am Ann McWeeney & Shane Hartford Sun. 12 noon Aoibh Collier & Olivia Woods.

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 18TH & 19TH DEC - TEAM B

Sat. 7.30pm Rita Baxter; Ann Marie Dardis; Marina Nolan; Frank Ryan Sun. 9am Monina McAlister; Ann McDonnell; Gillian Duffy.
12noon Henry Clifford; Una McGuinness; Olga Hunt; Sam Power.

ST. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 19TH DEC Freda Barnes MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Loretto Ludlow & Rose O'Reilly.

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH
COMMUNITY Fiachra De Barra.



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND;
Tara McGuinness, Donacarne, formerly Bellewstown;
Theresa Maughan, Woodview, Bellewstown; Tony
Murphy, Hillview, Drogheda.



ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
WE CONGRATULATE: Victoria Hayes & Adam Flynn.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS & OFFERING ENVELOPES are now ready for distribution and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Could all who help as distributors please call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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VOCATIONS

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