



NEWSLETTER FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR C

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26TH DECEMBER 2021

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY



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



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

As you begin the Season of Christmas and later in the week ring in the New Year 2022 Fr. Anthony and I want to extend blessings and good wishes to you and your families. Many thanks again to all who have assisted with the Masses for Christmas, in-particular our sacristans, stewards, Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Holy Communion; to everyone who helped prepare the churches, assisted with the flowers and putting up the crib displays; to the organists and soloists who enhanced our liturgies in both churches; all the extra effort by so many is greatly appreciated. We continue to pray for an end to this Covid pandemic! Looking ahead with New Year's resolutions and much expectation as to what 2022 will hold for us, let us do so with faith, hope and love; confidently entrusting all to God under the maternal care of our Heavenly Mother, to whom the first day of the New Year is dedicated. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

St. Stephen's Day (Feast of the Holy Family) 9am Missa pro populo 12noon Chrissie Clinton; Freda Jordon.

Tuesday 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 12noon and resumes from 6-7pm

Wednesday 10am

Thursday 10am

New Year's Eve 10am Missa pro populo

New Year's Day 10am *Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World day of Prayer for Peace.*

Patrick & Frances Loughran; Donors Intention.

New Year's Day No Vigil Mass

Sunday 9am Frank & Bridget Keogh; Liam & Margaret O'Reilly.

12noon David Brennan M.M.; Stacia Fleming

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

St. Stephen's Day (Feast of the Holy Family) 10am Tommy Arnold; Elizabeth & Patrick Brannigan & dec. family; Tom, Jack & Rose Collier; Dec Mulvaney & O'Brien families; Larry & Christine O'Brien & dec. family

Wednesday 10am

Sunday 10am Tara McGuinness M.M; May & Bill Cross.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 1,236.59

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): € 1,066

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TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 26TH DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY

Sun. 9am Una Doyle & Pat Shanley. *Sun. 12 noon* Maria Nestor & Kate McGuinness.

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2ND JAN. - TEAM A

Sun. 9am John McWeeney; Richard Bowden; Keith McDonald; Joan Gilmore *12noon* Joe Martin; Bryan O'Sullivan; Stephen McKee; Paul Ryan.

ST. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 2ND JAN. Brian Quinn

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Loretto Ludlow & Rose O'Reilly

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



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. Amid all that is going on, consider giving 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.*



ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WE CONGRATULATE:

Sinead Powderly & Colin Flaherty.



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND; Eddie Moss, Keenogue, Duleek.



If anyone has Christmas presents that they were given and have no great need for them and would like to give them to charity you may leave them at the crib in the churches. Can you mark the presents for men/women/children and age group.

The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things. This was true of the holy community formed by Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which reflected in an exemplary way the beauty of the Trinitarian communion. It was also true of the life that Jesus shared with his disciples and with ordinary people. Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details. The little detail that wine was running out at a party.

The little detail that one sheep was missing. The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins. The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay. The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had. The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan. There are times when, by a gift of the Lord's love, we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God. As St. Therese The Little Flower wrote; "One winter night I was carrying out my little duty as usual... Suddenly, I heard off in the distance the harmonious sound of a musical instrument. I then pictured a well-lighted drawing room, brilliantly gilded, filled with elegantly dressed young ladies conversing together and conferring upon each other all sorts of compliments and other worldly remarks. Then my glance fell upon the poor invalid whom I was supporting. Instead of the beautiful strains of music I heard only her occasional complaints... I cannot express in words what happened in my soul; what I know is that the Lord illumined it with rays of truth which so surpassed the dark brilliance of earthly feasts that I could not believe my happiness".

Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudette et Exsultate, 'The Call to Holiness in Today's World'

A FAMILY PRAYER

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,

One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

