



# NEWSLETTER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

**DULEEK PARISH** WITH DONORE PARISH

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# 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

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Tuesday to Thursday  
10am-5pm



**ADVENT** "Fifteen days before Christmas, St. Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay". At this, his faithful friend went immediately to prepare all that the Saint had asked. On 25 December, friars came to

Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." *Pope Francis, ADMIRABILE SIGNUM on the meaning and importance of the Nativity scene.*

**BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB** Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses next weekend the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12-1pm & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10:30 – 11:30am & Christmas Eve 11-12noon**

Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet on Thursday from 8pm 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.

**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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** As we begin this new liturgical year of the Catholic Church with the Season of Advent, naturally our focus in on the infant Jesus and indeed our own family focus is also centred upon our children too! It is their beautiful innocence which rightly leads us to understanding the simple meaning of Christmas, Jesus' birthday, which is easily lost in the added stress experienced these December days! The Season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Day, ends with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus though was baptised by John the Baptist as a grown man. It is only through Our Saviour's death and resurrection that we enter a new and everlasting baptism, one which promises eternal life with God the a Father in Heaven. In the Rite of Baptism *"the Christian community welcomes with great joy"* the one presented for Baptism. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) guides and prepares those who as adult men and women seek to become members of the Catholic Church. But for most it is at the request of parents and guardians that the gift of Baptism is sought. Let us reflect on our Baptism identity and the whole meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism as we journey long this Advent in preparation for Jesus' birthday party! This weekend of Guadate Sunday (Joyful Sunday) let us truly be joyful in the Good News message we share as believers in Christ, Saviour of the World. For seeking the Sacrament of Baptism please contact the Parish Office. The celebration of Baptism is no private matter but a celebration for the whole believing community. We welcome the extended families of those being presented for baptism to join with us in the Sunday Mass as we *"the Christian community welcomes the newly baptised with great Joy"*!

**VESTMENTS FOR MASS** A word of thanks to those who so generously donated. It is much appreciated.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

**Saturday 7:30pm** Patrick Tuohy M.M; John Dardis; Richard, Cepta, James & Claire Lenehan; Lockie O'Sullivan; Donors Intention.

**Sunday 9am** Myles Snr Byrne & dec family; Paddy & Kathleen Joyce & dec family.  
**12noon** Nora Barry; Cepta Cudden; Joey Egan & dec family; Mary Fingleton; Thomas & Maureen Nee; Sally Hand; Baby Darragh McGarry; Peg, Eddie, Aidan & Patrick Seary.

**Tuesday 9:30am** Sarah, Christy & Sean Weldon followed by *Miraculous Medal Novena – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10-12noon & 6-7pm*

*No Mass on Wednesday Morning (9:30am in Bellewstown)*

**Thursday 9:30am** Missa pro populo

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**Saturday 7:30pm** Ena O'Leary M.M; Dec Brodigan family; Patrick & Theresa Flood; Ann McDermott; Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher; Noel McAree; Carmel & Andrea McQuaile.

**Sunday 9am** Eddie Moss 1<sup>st</sup> Ann; Margaret Gough; Michael Mimna; John O'Brien; Tom & Agnes Potter; Matthew & Lil Redmond.

**12noon** Peter Kennedy 1<sup>st</sup> Ann; Anthony, Ann & Jimmy Cudden; John, Seamus & Patricia Dardis; Larry, Rose & Margaret Duff; Dec Keelan family; Mary Fegan; Ena O'Leary.

*Confessions on Saturdays 6:30pm - 7pm*

#### ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

**Sunday 10am** Harry Flood & dec family; Cameron Hagan.

**Wednesday 9:30am** Missa pro populo followed by *Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.30am*

**Sunday 10am** Vera & Leslie Ball; May Brannigan; Maureen Collier; Margaret Hampson; John Hickey.

#### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

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

#### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

**Saturday 6:30pm.**



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 1,236.99  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 973  
**Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:**  
**IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61**



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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 11<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**Sat 7:30pm** Patricia McGlone & David Doyle **Sun 9am** Ann McWeeney & Shane Hartford **Sun 12 noon** Maria Nestor & Kate McGuinness

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> DEC TEAM C

**Sat Vigil 7.30pm** Fergal White; Rosemary Reilly; Jackie Lyons; Debbie O'Sullivan **Sun 9am** Billy Doyle; William Maguire; Pat Shanley;

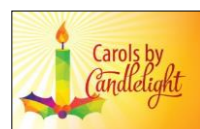
**Sun 12noon** Colm Heeney; Liz Lynch; Mairead Cromwell.

ST. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 18<sup>TH</sup> DEC Aoife Harris MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Monica Cross & Una McGuinness.



**IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:** Billie May Durkin.

**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 call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday this week.



**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** takes place in St. Thérèse's, Bellewstown Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**  
**Duleek Senior Citizens Outings Committee** Christmas party on Sunday 18th December. The bus will leave the village green at 1pm for dinner at 2pm which will be followed by music/dancing and spot prizes. The bus will return to Duleek for approx. 6.30pm. Can all senior citizens travelling on the bus let the committee know in advance by contacting Paddy McConnon 087 278 2925, Paddy Cudden 086 257 0441 or Alana Andrews 086 310 6282.

