NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A* 18TH DECEMBER 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

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

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

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

Tuesday **9:30am** Elizabeth Burke; Larry Campbell & dec family; Jack & Frances Geraghty & dec family
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

Friday **9:30am** Johnny Lenehan; Harry O'Connor; Paddy, Nancy, Patrick & Bernadette Harris; Cathal & Noreen O'Hara.

Christmas Eve 5pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)* **9pm** *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Christmas Day 9am *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)* **12noon** *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
St. Stephen's Day **10am** **Missa pro populo** Chrissie Clinton

Confessions for Christmas will continue in St. Cianán's Duleek on Christmas Eve 11-12noon

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

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

Wednesday **9:30am** Elizabeth Jenkinson *followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.30am*

Christmas Eve 7pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Christmas Day 10am *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
No Mass on St Stephen's Day (10am in Duleek)

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 995.15
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 820.45
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:
IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61

If you prefer to use this QR code instead of the basket collection just scan your phone over it and follow the guide.

TO ASSIST AT CHRISTMAS MASSES ***All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass***

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 24TH & 25TH DECEMBER
Christmas Eve 5pm David Doyle. 9pm Sam Power
Christmas Day. 9am Aileen Crosby *12 noon* Geraldine Potter Redmond

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 24TH & 25TH DECEMBER
Christmas Eve 5pm Debbie O'Sullivan; Ann Marie Dardis; Bryan O'Sullivan; Susan Gleeson. *9pm* Rosemary Reilly; Damian Quinn; Liz Lynch; Una McGuinness
Christmas Day 9am Monina McAlister; Joan Gilmore; Pat Shanley; John McWeeney *12 noon* Marina Nolan; Joe Martin

ST. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 24TH DEC. Freda Barnes 25th DEC. Richard Howard
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 24TH DEC. Ciaran De Barra & Rose Forbes 25TH DEC. Joe Collins & Rose Forbes

IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Joe Alexander Curley, Bellewstown.

ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WE CONGRATULATE:
Mairead Faulkner & Kevin Dolan

Communion Calls for Christmas
Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony will visit the sick and housebound this Monday 19th December

As a New Year resolution do consider committing an hour or even a half an hour to Adoration before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying for the needs of our local community and of the world at this time. *Please note Adoration in St. Therese's Bellewstown will cease for Christmas on Wednesday 21st December and will recommence on Wednesday 11th January 2023.*

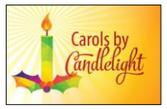
LAST WEEK OF ADVENT Seek the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing which God freely offers by celebrating confession. It is not necessary about saying anything, as God knows all, but humbly receiving the merciful love of God who unconditionally pardons our sins and rejoices in our being renewed in His abundant grace! On Christmas Eve gather the family for prayer at the family crib, then light a candle or use the "safer battery one" and place it in the window or porch of the house as a sign of welcome to Our Lady & St. Joseph and a symbol of hospitality to those in need in our world of Christmas 2022.

Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek
Saturday 17th Dec. 12-1pm & Sunday 18th Dec. 10:30 – 11:30am & Christmas Eve 11-12noon

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB As we bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from our family cribs for a blessing at our Masses, 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 Season.

Pope Francis' reflection at the Angelus, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's Square 8th December 2022 The angel Gabriel greets the Virgin like this: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (v. 28). He does not call her by her name, Mary, but with a new name, that she did not know: full of grace. Full of grace, and therefore free from sin, is the name God gives her and that we celebrate today. What is this original grace? It is what we received on the day of our Baptism, which is why it is good for us to remember, and even celebrate it! I will ask you a question: this grace received on the day of Baptism, it is important. But how many of you remember the date of your Baptism, what is the date of your own Baptism? Think about it. And if you do not remember, when you go home, ask your godfather, your godmother, your father or mother: "When was I baptized?", because that day is the day of the great grace, of a new life beginning, of an original grace that we have. God descended into our lives that day, and we became his beloved children forever. This is our original beauty, for which to be joyful! Today, Mary, surprised by the grace that made her beautiful from the first instant of her life, leads us to marvel at our beauty. We can grasp this through the image of the white Baptismal garment; it reminds us that, beyond the evil we have stained ourselves with over the years, there is a good in us greater than all the evils that have befallen. Let us listen to the echo, let us hear God saying to us: "Son, daughter, I love you and I am with you always, you are important to me, your life is precious". That is God's message to us. When things do not go well and we are discouraged, when we are downcast and risk feeling useless or wrong, let us think about this, about this original grace. And God is with us, God is with me from that day. Let us think about it again.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE As we continue to emerge from the pandemic experience which had a huge knock on effect upon our faith community, we count our blessings from a financial perspective, as we have remained stable, as you would have seen in the parish financial statement for 2021 published last June. We wish to express sincere thanks to everyone for their commitment and support to the parish. Together we strive to maintain and build upon the legacy our parish has inherited from one generation to the next. This past year we have completed works on the Teachers Residence and invested in repairing the hall roof in Bellewstown which was re-slated. A heritage grant of €13k received, left a total cost of €62K for the restoration of the roof. Parish property in Duleek has also been fenced, gated and made secure and St Cianán's Church window was restored; works were also carried out in Holy Cross cemetery with further works on the pathways to commence in the New Year. The finance committee has looked at a 5 year plan to include projects for Bellewstown Church, Duleek Church and The Prayer Rooms. The priority for the spring is to complete internal works to Bellewstown Hall and to have it open for use as soon as possible. We are currently obtaining quantity of costs for this project. However, we do need a fundraising committee and are currently inviting members for this endeavor. If anyone is willing and able to assist please contact the parish office. If possible parishioners may wish to donate to this project with any amount most appreciated. The financial accounts for 2022 will be published as usual in the new year.



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