



# NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A*

**DULEEK PARISH** WITH DONORE PARISH

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## 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2023

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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

**THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy. Through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel; Christ is the centre and fullness of all Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments. Listening to the Gospel, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, is characterised by a special veneration, expressed not only by gestures and acclamations, but by the Book of the Gospels itself. The arrangement of the biblical readings laid down by the Church in the Lectionary opens the way to understanding the entirety of God's word. The proclamation of the texts of the Lectionary constitutes a bond of unity between all the faithful who hear them. In the homily, beginning with the biblical readings, the mysteries of faith and the norms of the Christian life are explained throughout the liturgical year. Particular importance is attached to silence which, by favouring meditation, allows the word of God to be received inwardly by the listener. The Church has always paid particular attention to those who proclaim the word of God in the assembly: priests, deacons and readers. This ministry requires specific interior and exterior preparation, familiarity with the text to be proclaimed and the necessary practice in the way of proclaiming it clearly, avoiding all improvisation. Because of the importance of the word of God, the Church invites us to pay special attention to the ambo from which it is proclaimed. It is not a functional piece of furniture, but a place that is in keeping with the dignity of the word of God, in correspondence with the altar: in fact, we speak of the table of God's word and the table of the Body of Christ, referring both to the ambo and especially to the altar. The purpose of this Note is to help reawaken, in the light of the Sunday of the Word of God, an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God. "God's word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life". *From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 17 December 2020*



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

**Saturday 7.30pm** Rose Lynch M.M; Peggy Murray 1<sup>st</sup> Ann; Jack, Maryann & John Cudden; Alice Herron.

**Sunday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Sunday 12noon** Frances Wall M.M; Tony Andrews.

**Tuesday 9.30am** Larry Campbell followed by *Miraculous Medal Novena – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10-12noon & 6-7pm*

*No Mass on Wednesday Morning (9.30am in Bellewstown)*

*No Mass on Thursday Morning (9am in Donore)*

**Friday 9.30am** Missa pro populo

**Saturday 7.30pm** Eucharia Carroll; Charlie Maloney.

**Sunday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Sunday 12noon** Frank, Bridget, Terry & Bernie Keogh; Paddy & Tut Murray; Liam & Margaret O'Reilly.

#### ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

**Sunday 10am** Martin Collins M.M; Patrick, Kathleen, Patrick & Theresa Black; Dympna Reilly; Dec members of Bellewstown Pitch & Putt Club.

**Wednesday 9.30am** followed by *Adoration of Blessed Sacrament*

**Sunday 10am** Hugh & Gerry Bellew.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 979.33  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 774.25  
**Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:**  
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#### TO ASSIST AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*

**ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY & 5<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

*Sat Vigil* Millie Burke *Sun. 9am* Aileen Crosby & Emily Maguire *Sun. 12 noon* Lily Murray & John Heeney

**ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> JAN - TEAM B**

*Sat Vigil* 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 29<sup>TH</sup> JAN** Bridie Brannigan

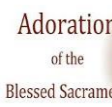
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Ciaran De Barra & Rose O'Reilly



**IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:** Robyn Cara Rose; Anna Maeve Duggan; Ebony Lesley Gore; Órla Terese Mathot Steninger; Carl Brendan McSkeane.



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND;** Conor Traynor Murphy, The Hawthorns, Duleek; Gerry Keenan, Cushenstown; Seanie Lane, Duleek; Pat McGlynn, Athboy, father of Mary Collier, Duleek.



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 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 every Tuesday in St. Cianán's, Duleek and every Wednesday in St. Therese's Bellewstown**

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Community Employment Vacancies** based in Duleek, Bellewstown and Slane. There are various positions for Groundworkers to maintain local sports grounds, church grounds, graveyards etc, Tour Guides who offer museum tours and Caretakers to maintain car park, grounds & meeting rooms. Eligibility for CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department. Please contact Janet or Frank in Duleek Development Association CLG on 041-9880269 with any queries and further information can be found on [JobsIreland.ie](http://JobsIreland.ie)

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

The theme for this Week of Prayer is 'Do good; seek justice' (Isiah 1:17) *Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.* taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.



#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023 Theme: Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love.

During the week our parish schools will be engaged in a programme of events celebrating our Catholic Faith identity. *Grandparents Day* is a highlight of the week and we acknowledge and thank them as our special teachers of faith, hope and love to our children! We thank and support all our schools with our prayers and we also acknowledge the school Boards of Management who gave voluntary of their time in overseeing the tremendous work of our principals and staff in our parish schools. Check out all that is happening at primary and secondary level this week on [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie) #catholicschoolsweek



**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 (1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST)** will be celebrated in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a massive weeklong event, with Pope Francis, for young Catholics (aged 18-35) to gather and participate in from every corner of the world. Consider joining with others from your parish and the Diocese of Meath to share this experience of belonging to Jesus Christ.

You are invited to come along and meet for an information gathering about World Youth Day at the Trim Parish Pastoral Centre at 7pm on Friday 27th January. For more details see [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie). Cost €650 approx. All expenses included. To book contact [meathyouth@gmail.com](mailto:meathyouth@gmail.com)

