



NEWSLETTER FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH
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26TH FEBRUARY 2023

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



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION This week in our parishes of Donore and Duleek we have the privilege of welcoming Bishop Tom and celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Perhaps as a consequence of the pandemic, we have had time to appreciate even more the gift of the Sacraments in our lives. Such occasions are sacred events in the family and our whole faith community: Sacred encounters with God and the great communion of the saints, in which we the baptised are part off here on earth as we journey towards the promise of Heaven. We so easily take things for granted but now in light of what we have experienced in recent years, during the Covid pandemic, let us celebrate with renewed zeal the grace of the Holy Spirit to inspire and direct our lives, to protect and bless our families, especially those celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. As we pray for all the Confirmation candidates let us ponder the words of Pope Francis with regard the Sacrament of Confirmation. *“When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allow him to act, Christ makes himself present in us and takes shape in our lives; through us, it will be he – Christ himself – who prays, forgives, gives hope and consolation, serves the brethren, draws close the needy and to the least, creates community and sows peace. Think how important this is: by means of the Holy Spirit, Christ himself comes to do all this among us and for us. That is why it is important that children and young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation”.*

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN’S, DULEEK

Saturday 7.30pm Ita Hoey M.M; Harry & Helen McCormick; Violet Sheridan; Nancy & Alicia Woods.

Sunday 9am Seamus Gorman.

Sunday 12noon Maura & Joseph Colville; Brian Connor & dec family; Patricia Dardis.

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

Wednesday 7.30am Mass for Lent

Wednesday 10am, 12noon & 2pm Confirmation Ceremonies

Thursday 9.30am Missa pro populo

First Friday 9.30am Parish List of the Dead

Saturday 7.30pm Bridget Bird; Joe Fedigan; Peggy & Jack McCormack; Alice, Ollie & Bernard Mohan.

Sunday 9am Missa pro populo

Sunday 12noon Kevin, Anna, Patrick & Eamonn Andrews; Joey & Daisy Cudden; Anna Finnegan Coll; Jim Gray; Tom & Mary Lowthe; Mary, Chrissie & Terry Lowthe.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS This Thursday Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound.

ST. THÉRÉSE’S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10am Bridie Mockler; Paddy McConnell.

No Mass Wednesday morning - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am until 10.30am

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

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): €1,076.48
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 886
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.



As we begin our spiritual journey of Lent, our sacred time of ‘operation transformation’ set aside an extra bit of time for prayer, daily Mass, or Eucharistic Adoration. Maybe set up a sacred space/altar in your home with the Bible at the centre and use the Trocaire Box as a visible reminder of how fortunate we are and of what we can share with those whose needs are greater. And of course we are called to give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Facebook time as a way of fasting for Lent! Remember that as Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday and if possible every Wednesday, so perhaps you might also consider keeping this practice for Lent! During Lent there will be Mass every Wednesday morning at 7.30am in St Cianán’s Church, Duleek. Fr. Mark will also host a zoom meet every Thursday from 8:30-9pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Lent.

Lent a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving

Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. www.trocaire.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL A second Offertory collection will take place at all masses this weekend to support the relief effort for those most in need following the loss and devastation following the earthquakes. Donations can also be made by online payment to Duleek Parish IBAN IE27AIBK93239604161358 using reference Earthquake Appeal. All donations received will be sent to the local catholic church in both regions affected, this will be done through the Papal Nunciature in Dublin.



“Let us continue to stay close, with prayer and concrete support, to the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. I saw on the television programme “A Sua Immagine” the images of this catastrophe, the pain of these peoples who are suffering as a result of the earthquake. Let us pray for them, let us not forget them, let us pray and think about what we can do for them. And let us not forget tormented Ukraine: may the Lord open ways of peace and give those responsible the courage to follow them.” Pope Francis Angelus Sunday 12th February 2023 St Peter’s Square



CLEANING IN OUR CHURCH We are most grateful to all who assist our sacristy teams in all our Churches. As you know many hands make light work, so we are asking for volunteers to assist with a cleaning rota in St Cianan’s Duleek. If anyone is willing and able please contact the parish office.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) is the preparatory course undertaken by adults who seek to become members of the Catholic Faith Community. It concludes with Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation being celebrated at the Easter Vigil. On the First Sunday of Lent in the Cathedrals the catechumens celebrate the rite of ‘election’ or ‘enrolment’. This weekend we are delight that Ian Heaton is taking this next step on the path to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and we keep him and the other catechumens in our prayers this Lent.

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

TO ASSIST AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 26TH FEB & 5TH MARCH

Sat Vigil Sam Power & Angela Cain Sun. 9am Noel Heeney & Alice White Sun. 12 noon David McGuinness & Majella Armstrong.

ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 3RD & 4TH MARCH - TEAM A

Sat Vigil Susan Gleeson; Frank McKeon; Damian Quinn Sun. 9am John McWeeney; Richard Bowden; Keith McDonald
12noon Joe Martin; Bryan O’Sullivan; Stephen McKee; Paul Ryan.

ST. THÉRÉSE’S MINISTER OF THE WORD 5TH MARCH Freda Barnes

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Monica Cross & Una McGuinness

IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Aoife Tara McGuinness, Bellewstown.

ST. CIANAN’S CHURCH SACRISTAN Full time sacristan now required. For all enquiries for this salaried post please contact the parish office for further details or speak to Fr Mark at any time.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Would you like to help those in need of support and friendship? Join our local SVP Team to help with visitation, IT or accounting. For volunteer information please email Kathryn.corrigan@svp.ie or freephone 1800 677 777 (2)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Interest in creative writing? Limetree writers next meeting in Bellewstown racecourse building on Tuesday 28th Feb @ 7pm. New members welcome. Further info contact Sheila 0872397496 or Catriona 0876625788. **Duleek Cystic Fibrosis 10K Remembrance Run 30/04/2023 @ 2:00pm.** To remember & celebrate the lives of Kelley, Cathy & all of our beautiful CF loved ones. All proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. FB page <https://www.facebook.com/duleekcf10>
St Andrews Chamber Orchestra concert in aid of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Drogheda Branch, Tuesday 28th Feb @ 7.30pm in St Peters Church of Ireland. Tickets on sale St Peter’s Church, Noel Heeney 0861045125 or Ann Shortt 0872893698. **Duleek/Bellewstown Active Retirement** meeting will be held in Parish Centre on Wed 1st March @ 2pm. Rita from Citizens Information will give a talk on allowances and entitlements. New members welcome. Bowls every Tuesday @ 2pm in Parish Centre.

