NEWSLETTER TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR A

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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17th September 2023

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10am-5pm

Tuesday to Thursday



THE SEASON OF CREATION has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked and Peace Flow throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Season of Creation 2023 Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" taking inspiration from the Prophet Amos who declares: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24).

RIVER BOYNE SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER SERVICE at the Boyne Walk carpark Rossnaree. "When we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures." Pope Francis. Given the theme of this year's Season of Creation, and the reality that every Irish diocese has a river or sea access point – it seemed very appropriate to offer a ritual prayer that we could celebrate near a riverbank. It is hoped that this opportunity to gather out of doors in "the cathedral of nature" will be a support and inspiration for all involved. Responding to this request please join with our faith communities of Duleek and Donore parishes along the River Boyne at 3pm next Saturday 23rd September for a simple prayer service for the gift of Creation.

LOURDES 2023 A quote from a homily given by the late Pope Benedict VXI in Lourdes during the Diocesan pilgrimage fifteen years ago 14th September 2008, the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions. "This is the great mystery that Mary also entrusts to us this morning, inviting us to turn towards her Son. In fact, it is significant that, during the first apparition to Bernadette, Mary begins the encounter with the sign of the Cross. More than a simple sign, it is an initiation into the mysteries of the faith that Bernadette receives from Mary. The sign of the Cross is a kind of synthesis of our faith, for it tells how much God loves us; it tells us that there is a love in this world that is stronger than death, stronger than our weaknesses and sins. The power of love is stronger than the evil which threatens us. It is this mystery of the universality of God's love for men that Mary came to reveal here, in Lourdes. She invites all people of good will, all those who suffer in heart or body, to raise their eyes towards the Cross of Jesus, so as to discover there the source of life, the source of salvation".

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES From the very origins of the Church, Christians have contributed not only to gathering for the Sunday Liturgy of the breaking of the Word and the breaking of Bread but also by their monetary or gifted support to the Faith Community and assistance to those most in need. The basket or plate collection at Mass meets the weekly running cost of the parish, while the Parish Envelope is for the maintenance and development fund of the parish. Many parishioners choose to make an annual contribution or by using banking online facilities. Our Parish Bank details are detailed every week on the Parish Newsletter so if you would prefer to set up your weekly, monthly or annual contribution in this way please do, and also check with the Caroline in the Parish Office that it has gone through. Every person's or family's contribution and every little offering makes a huge difference to paying the bills and ensuring the best facilities we can provide for the celebration of public worship and the support of the priest and staff of the parish. The new Parish Envelope Boxes are due to begin on the 1st October and you may notice that you have been allocated a new box number, this is to reduce the amount of boxes having to be printed. So as it's time again to distribute the new set of Parish Envelope Boxes we are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Could all who help as Area Distributors please come to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday this week. Thanks again to everyone, your support is greatly appreciated.



THANKING GOD AND CELEBRATING THE HARVEST Weekend of 1st October. We would be delighted if anyone with artistic skills would like to contribute to a harvest display in front of the Altar a day or two before the weekend Masses. We hope to also have some of the classes in our schools involved. As a gesture of our gratitude to God for all that we are so blessed to have and for the good produce of the land, everyone is invited to bring some none perishable foods to leave at the altar. These gifts will be given to charity in Drogheda.

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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Patrick Cooney; Henry Lowth & dec family; Kevin Finnegan; Paddy Molloy. Sunday 9am Ettie Battersby. 12noon Paddy Connell; Nicholas Dowling; Frank, Bridget, Terry & Bernie Kehoe; Noel Maher; Sunday Fr Seamus McManus; Liam & Margaret O'Reilly.

9:30am Martin Hynes; Cameron, Chris & Alan Richards Tuesday

Miraculous Medal Novena – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

No Mass on Wednesday (9.30am Bellewstown)

No Mass on Thursday (9am Donore)

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

7:30pm Gerrard Clarke M.M; Joseph White 1st Ann; Eithne Heasley; Joe & Mary Agnes Smith; Agnes Taaffe. Saturday 9am Christy & Hanna Coleman; John O'Brien; Mary Woods. Sunday

12noon Mark O'Brien. Sunday

Every Saturday Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction in St. Cianan's 5-6pm with Confessions from 6-6:30pm

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday **10am** Missa pro populo.

Wednesday 9:30am Adoration will recommence from 8.30am-9.30am

Sunday 10am Jim Ludlow; Jack McGuinness.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €1,053.04 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes) : € 819 **Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:** IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61

If you have no cash you can just scan your phone over this QR code to contribute to the basket collection

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 24TH SEPT 7 1ST OCT

Sat 7:30pm Geraldine Little Sun. 9am Emma McQuaile Keane & Richard Bowden Sun 12 noon Aóibh & Mary Collier.

St. Cianán's Ministers of Holy Communion 23^{RD} & 24^{TH} Sept team C

Sat Vigil 7.30pm Rosemary Reilly; Sam Power; 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 24TH SEPT Caroline Jenkinson MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Joe Collins & Rose Forbes



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY; Luca Michael Buckley O'Callaghan; Aoife Isobel Hannigan.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Duleek Women's Forum are holding a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale on Tuesday 19th September in Duleek Courthouse 10am-11am. Raffle on the day. Proceeds to East Meath Hospice.

Bellewstown will host the National Hospice Coffee Morning on Thursday 21st September 10.30-12.30pm in The Stand House Restaurant @ Bellewstown Racecourse. Coffee & Cake €5. Raffle 2 lines €5. Contact Linda Donnelly 086-8450339 or Mary Howard 087-6891351.

Duleek Heritage Group are hosting an event to celebrate Culture Night on Sat 23rd Sept at 7.30pm in The Courthouse. This is a free event. Light refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Duleek Community First Responder Group will be holding their annual church gate collection at all masses in Duleek & Bellewstown on Sat 23rd & Sun 24th Sept

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Helpline 1800 677 777 or contact 087-0931068 ACCORD For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling www.accord.ie CHILD SAFEGUARDING See the church notice boards and diocesan website

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



Everyone is welcome after the Sunday Masses in the room at the front porch of Duleek church. as we share a few minutes of hospitality, especially getting to know new parishioners or

visitors passing by. Feel free to bring a few buns etc anv Sunday!

