



NEWSLETTER FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR A

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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26TH NOVEMBER 2023

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

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Paul Hughes M.M; Mary Clarke; Georgina Crosby; Karl Leddy; Anne Sheridan; Michael & Maureen Smith.

Sunday 9am Dec priests of the parish and Parish List of the Dead.

Sunday 12noon Annie Byrne; Pauline Clarke; Jim Heaney; Jim Lenehan.

Tuesday 9.30am Mary Maloney, Diane Murphy, Frances Wall & dec members of Duleek Womens Forum; Dec Reilly family. *Miraculous Medal Novena – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm*

No Mass on Wednesday Morning (Bellewstown 9.30am)

Thursday 9.30am Parish List of the Dead

First Friday 9.30am Parish List of the Dead.

Saturday 7:30pm Peg Connor; Connor Hickey; Peter Kennedy; Peter Finnegan; John, Kathleen & Johnny Reilly.

Sunday 9am James Lynch & dec Lynch & Clarke families.

Sunday 12noon Mary & Patrick Andrews; David Brennan; John & Margaret Fleming; John Bennal; Collette & Eddie Kent; Joe Murphy; Ben & Sheila White; Paul Wright.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION
CALLS The Priests will do communion calls this Thursday.

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

ST. THÉRÈSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10am John & Bríd Lenehan.

Wednesday 9.30am Bredeen & Gerard Curran; Mary & Eddie Farrell; Mary & Peter Gray; Paul McGinn.
Adoration 8.30am-9.30am

Sunday 10am Josephine Cassidy; Tara McGuinness

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 1,032.54
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 1,520
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 27TH NOVEMBER & 4TH DECEMBER

Sat 7:30pm Marian Coleman & Katie O'Connor **Sun 9am** Declan & Freddie Murray **Sun 12 noon** Aoibh Collier & Olivia Woods.

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 2ND & 3RD DEC TEAM A

Sat Vigil 7.30pm Frank McKeon; Damian Quinn; Susan Gleeson **Sun 9am** John McWeeney; Richard Bowden; Keith McDonald

Sun 12noon Joe Martin; Bryan O'Sullivan; Stephen McKee.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 3RD DEC Mary Howard MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Monica Cross & Una McGuinness

IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Shay Brendan Duggan; AJ Whearty.

YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING (+18 years) will take place in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Donore at 7:30pm on Friday 1st December. This is a monthly gathering, taking place in different parishes each month, for young adults in the Diocese of Meath to join together for prayer, reflection & discussion, assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please share the invite and bring a friend or two along. Contact Fr. Mark for more info.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION As families and local faith communities we continue to encourage our parents as they support the children along the journey of preparing for the celebrations of these sacraments in 2024. Next weekend the children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we prepare the way for Jesus in our home this Christmas.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
087-0931068
Annual Christmas Appeal Church gate collection will take place outside all churches next weekend 2nd & 3rd December

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Duleek Development Association Annual Church gate collection this weekend at all Masses. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Duleek Christmas Fair will take place this Sunday 26th November from 9.30am to 4pm in Duleek Community Facility. Lots of gifts with Santa arriving at 2pm. All welcome. **Royal Meath Accordion Orchestra Variety Concert** on Friday 1st Dec at 8pm in Duleek Church in support of Duleek Bellewstown GFC Oskars fundraising event. Tickets €10, children free. Tickets available from Parish Office or contact Gillian 0877548403.

OUR NEW CURATE This weekend we welcome Fr. Declan Kelly CC to our parishes as he takes up his new appointment from Bishop Tom. Since Fr. Declan's ordination as a priest for the Diocese of Meath in September 2014 he has served as curate in the parishes of Trim, Dunshaughlin and Dunboyne. As it happens there are two priests called Fr. Declan Kelly in our Diocese. Many of you would have known Fr. Declan Snr. when he was the parish priest of Stamullen! Our Fr. Declan Jnr. will live in the Curate's House (no doubt soon called Fr. Declan's House) beside the Hermit's House, where Fr. David Jones resides in Duleek. We wish Fr. Declan every blessing and a very warm welcome these winter days to this great part of our Diocese! As Fr. Declan settles in please keep him and the other priests and parishes affected by these new Diocesan Changes in our prayers.



CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING To celebrate the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday 26th November there will be a 40 Hours concluding with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm on Sunday 26th. As part of the 40 Hours Devotion. It is hoped that people from around the Diocese will come to the Cathedral during this time to pray. Bishop Tom has asked that prayers would be offered for the following intentions during the weekend; for the children preparing for the Sacraments and for their families, that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist; for a return to the Sunday Mass in our parish communities; for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

in our Diocese. "Only in adoration, only in the presence of the Lord, do we truly rediscover our taste and passion for evangelization. Oddly enough, we have lost the prayer of adoration; and everyone, priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, need to recover it, this ability to be quiet in the Lord's presence." Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2023 **Our Parishes of Duleek and Donore have been assigned to the hour 3-4pm tomorrow Sunday 26th. Let us make a commitment to represent our parishes at this Diocesan wide celebration of our Faith.**



The ACN Ireland Week of Witness 19th-26th November concludes today. With illuminating St. Cianán's church in red to show that the sacrifice and suffering of the persecuted Church is an ongoing reality in and by our prayers we have borne witness to the heroic example of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Faith across the world. ACN Ireland are grateful for your prayers and support. See. www.acnireland.org

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK in preparation we invite our children in the parish to learn more about: **THE STORY OF THE JESSE** Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. In Church art a design developed showing the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical personages. This design showed a branched tree growing from a reclining figure of Jesse. The various branches had pictures of other Old and New Testament figures who were ancestors of Jesus. At the top of the tree were figures of Mary and Jesus. This design was used mostly in stained glass windows in some of the great medieval cathedrals of Europe. The Cathedral of Chartres, France (which was dedicated in 1260) has a particularly beautiful Jesse Tree window. Another development in religious art during the Middle Ages was that of Mystery Plays—drama that depicted various Bible stories or lives of Saints and Martyrs. These plays were performed in churches as part of the liturgical celebrations. One such play was based on the Bible account of the fall of Adam and Eve. The "Tree of Life" used during the play was decorated with apples. Combining the two ideas of the stained glass Jesse Tree window and the Tree of Life from the Mystery Play we come up with our Jesse Tree Advent project. This custom has been used for years to help Christians to prepare for Christmas. It's the Family Tree of our Faith!

Please help decorate our parish JESSE To make the Jesse Tree ornaments you will need: glue; ribbon or yarn (preferably purple); and crayons, markers, paints or coloured pencils, and cardboard stock to create paper background for the ornaments. The symbols may be decorated with bits and pieces of bright coloured paper, cloth, wood, etc., that you may find around your home. You will also need a Bible. If there are very small children in the family, a Bible picture story book will help them understand the Bible stories used. We will use the Tree of Memory in the churches and turn it into our Jesse Tree. Before making a symbol first read with your parents or grandparents the Bible verses relating to the symbol. This will help you think of ways to illustrate your Bible verse. Use lots of creativity in making your symbol! You can use pictures from magazines or old cards. Or draw pictures or symbols yourself. Colour them with crayons, pencils, markers or paint. Look around the house for bits and pieces that will make your design more beautiful!

JESSE TREE Bible verses and suggested symbols: Advent Week 1 Creation: Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-4 **Symbols: sun, moon, stars, earth Adam and Eve:** Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24 Gen. 3:1-7 and 23-24 **Symbols: tree, serpent, apple Noah:** Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22 **Symbols: ark, animals, dove, rainbow Abraham:** Gen. 12:1-3 **Symbols: torch, sword, mountain Isaac:** Gen. 22:1-14 **Symbols: bundle of wood, altar, ram. Jacob:** Gen. 25:1-34; 28:10-15 **Symbols: kettle, ladder Joseph:** Gen. 37:23-28; 45:3-15 **Symbols: bucket, well, silver coins, coat of many colours. Bring your symbols to Mass next week and hang them on the Jesse Tree.**



