



NEWSLETTER FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

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SCAN ME

3RD DECEMBER 2023

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



ADVENT This weekend the new Liturgical Year of the Church begins, as do our preparations for Christmas. Let us focus more on the gift of faith and less on the gifts we worry and fret about buying! Make the time for lighting an Advent Wreath at home each day or for opening the doors on the Advent Calendar as we count down to Jesus' birthday. Pause and pray the Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of love and salvation. Think more of the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2023! Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet every Thursday from 8-8:30pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. To join in please email your request by lunch time Tuesday to duleekparish@gmail.com and a link will be forward to you. Just have a bible handy to aid your participation. We encourage young adults to join in and explore a little more the Word of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the Word of God made incarnate in Christ Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Genevieve Chambard 1st Ann; Peg Connor; Connor Hickey; Edward Johnston; Peter Kennedy; Peter Finnegan; Rhona & Ciaran Healy; John, Kathleen & Johnny Reilly.

Sunday 9am James Lynch & dec Lynch & Clarke families; Krystyna Jachowska.

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

Tuesday 9.30am *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

Friday 9.30am Lawrence, Ita & Oliver McDonnell.

Saturday 7:30pm Richard, Cepta, Claire & James Lenehan; Lockie O'Sullivan; Maisie Reilly.

Sunday 9am Paddy & Kathleen Joyce & dec family; Charlie, Rosemary, Thomas & Margaret Ryan.

Sunday 12noon Kevin, Rena, Eamon & Patrick Andrews; Joey Egan & dec family; Peg, Eddie, Aidan & Paddy Seary; Cepta Cudden; Baby Darragh McGarry; Thomas & Maureen Nee.

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 Josephine Cassidy; Tara McGuinness.

Wednesday 9.30am *Adoration 8.30am-9.30am*

Sunday 10am Harry & Lily Flood & dec family; John & Julia Kelly; Margaret & Roger Hampson.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 945.91
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 768
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 3RD & 10TH DECEMBER
Sat 7:30pm David Doyle & Patricia McGlone **Sun 9am** James McKenna & Frank Ryan **Sun 12 noon** Ann Marie Maughan & Anne Finger
ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 9TH & 10TH DEC TEAM B
Sat Vigil 7.30pm Ann Marie Dardis; Marina Nolan; Frank Ryan **Sun 9am** Monina McAlister; Ann McDonnell; Gillian Duffy
Sun 12noon Henry Clifford; Una McGuinness; Olga Hunt
ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 10TH DEC Joe Collins **MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Rose Forbes & Rose O'Reilly

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



DULEEK ALTAR SOCIETY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: Carmel Byrne, Liz Lynch, Denise Duff & Patricia Tallon.



ST. PAUL'S MISSAL 2024 now available for Ministers of the Word (*readers*) to collect in Duleek & Bellewstown. Please collect from Jim in Duleek sacristy or Bridie in Bellewstown sacristy. An up to date Duleek Readers Rota is also now available in the sacristy.



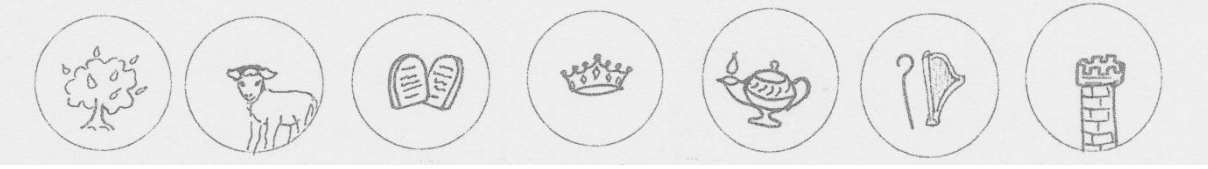
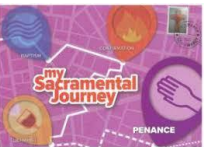
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT takes place in St. Thérèse's, Bellewstown Sunday 17th December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES
A Cake Sale will be held on Sunday 10th December in Bellewstown Primary School at 10.45am to raise funds for the children of Gaza. All funds go to UNICEF, no overheads. Please support. For further information please contact Sharon 0872397496.
The Duleek Senior Citizens Outings Committee are holding their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December in the Carranstown Lodge, Duleek at 1.30pm. Bus will be leaving Duleek Church for anyone who needs transport at 1pm sharp. To join the party you or your partner must be of pension age. For more information or if anyone would like to donate spot prizes please contact 087 2782925, 086 2570441 or 086 3106282.

Bring your symbols to Mass next week and the priest will invite you to hang them on the Jesse Tree.

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. This weekend the children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we prepare the way for Jesus in our home this Christmas.



BISHOP DEENIHAN CONVENES DIOCESAN CONFERENCE FOR PRIESTS Priests from the 69 parishes of our Diocese recently assembled in Cavan to begin a process of reflection on the future of priestly ministry and pastoral life in parishes in the Diocese of Meath. During this assembly, new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes, the provision of sacraments, personnel and resources, faith formation and the welfare of priests were considered in the context of the mission of the Church and the desire to sustain vibrant faith communities. The establishment and supporting of Parish Pastoral Assemblies was deemed a necessary structure in every parish. It was also agreed that there would have to be consultation and engagement with local Pastoral Assemblies before any developments occur. While there are no simple solutions to these issues, parishes are encouraged to commend this work to their prayers as the Diocese, the Diocesan Pastoral Assembly and the various Parish Pastoral Assemblies consider the next steps in the process.



LAUDATE DEUM An extract from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS:** *If there is sincere interest in making COP28 a historic event that honours and ennobles us as human beings, then one can only hope for binding forms of energy transition that meet three conditions: that they be efficient, obligatory and readily monitored. This, in order to achieve the beginning of a new process marked by three requirements: that it be drastic, intense and count on the commitment of all. That is not what has happened so far, and only a process of this sort can enable international politics to recover its credibility, since only in this concrete manner will it be possible to reduce significantly carbon dioxide levels and to prevent even greater evils over time. May those taking part in the Conference be strategists capable of considering the common good and the future of their children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses. In this way, may they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame. To the powerful, I can only repeat this question: "What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power, only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?"*

