

NEWSLETTER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S. DULEEK

Saturday 7pm John Dardis; Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher; Noel McAree. 9am Michael Mimna; Eddie Moss. Sunday Sunday 12noon Mickey, Michael & Maisie Clifford; Sally Hand.

Tuesday 9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena, No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

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

- **Thursday 9.30am** followed by Lectio Divina at 10am
- 9:30am Margaret Caffrey 1st Ann; Jack, Frances, Dessie, Vincent, Eugene & Carmel Geraghty; Friday Larry, Terence, May & Larry Campbell
- Saturday 7pm John Clarke & dec Brodigan family; Seamus, Patricia & John Dardis; Freda & Dermot Lynch; Donors Intention; Elizabeth Jenkinson; Larry, Cepta & Jimmy Maguire; Ann McDermott; Carmel & Andrea McQuaile; John O'Brien.
- Sunday **9am** Margaret Gough; Maura & Larry Flynn & dec family; Jim & Delia Murray & dec family; George & Dorrie Ryan & dec family; Tom & Agnes Potter; Matthew & Lil Redmond.
- Sunday 12noon Margaret Caffrey 1st Ann; Johnny Lenehan; Harry O'Connor; Rose, Thomas, Patricia & Reggie Lynch; Marie Rushe; Frances, Gerry, Brigid & Christopher Wall.

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

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

- Sunday **10am** May Brannigan; Harry & Lily Flood & dec family; Cameron Hagan; Margaret & Roger Hampson; John & Julia Kelly.
- Wednesday 9.30am Dec Kirwan & Sherry families Adoration from 8.30am-9.30am
- Sunday 10am Vera & Leslie Ball; Maureen Collier; John Hickey.

GIVING

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €825.87 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Envelope Collection): €975.45 Duleek Parish Account: 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 AT THE MASSES All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass **ST. CIANÁN'S** MINISTERS OF THE WORD $15^{\text{TH}} \& 22^{\text{ND}}$ DEC Prayers of the Faithful available for Ministers of the Word in the Sacristy. Sat 7:30pm Marian Coleman & Patricia McGlone Sun.9am Declan & Freddie Murray Sun 12noon Ann Marie Maughan & Ann Finger

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 21ST & 22ND DEC TEAM B Sat 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. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD SUNDAY 22ND DEC JOE Collins MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 22ND DEC Una McGuinness & Joe Collins



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH **COMMUNITY**; Cian Andrew Collins.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT St. Therésè's, Bellewstown Sunday 22nd December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas. Refreshments afterwards in Bellewstown Hall. Everyone welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTICES Samaritans Church Gate Collection this weekend at all Masses in Duleek & Bellewstown. Samaritans support those in emotional distress 24/7 Freephone number 116 123.

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 www.dioceseofmeath.ie VOCATIONS Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark or www.dioceseofmeath.ie



ADVENT Make the time for lighting an Advent candle or 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. Remember the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2024! Fr. Mark will host a meeting in St Cianán's Church, Duleek every Thursday morning from 10-10.30am for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. 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.

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB As we bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from our family cribs for a blessing at our Masses, let us focus on the reality of how Jesus was born in a stable! As we do so let us count our blessings for the comforts we have in the place we call home! Let us also remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have no such comforts in so many parts of our world this Christmas Season.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Let's stop what we are doing and be reconciled with God and one another! Please encourage family and friends to come back to God with all their hearts as we prepare for Christmas.

> Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek Saturday 21st Dec. 12-1pm & 6-7pm Christmas Eve 11-12noon

Pope Francis' reflection at the Angelus, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's Square 8th December 2024 Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and happy feast day! Today, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Gospel tells us about one of the most important, most beautiful moments in the history of humanity: the Annunciation (cf. Lk 26-38), when Mary's "yes" to the Archangel Gabriel permitted the Incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus. It is a scene that inspires the greatest wonder and emotion because God, the Most High, the Omnipotent, by means of the Angel converses with a young girl from Nazareth, asking for her collaboration for His plan of salvation. If today you find a little time, look in the Gospel of Saint Luke and read this scene. I assure you that it will do you good, a lot of good! [] Brothers and sisters, contemplating this mystery we can ask ourselves: in our time, ravaged by wars and bent on the effort to possess and dominate, where do I place my hope? In strength, in money, in powerful friends? Do I place my hope there? Or in God's infinite mercy? And in the face of the shiny false models circulating in the media and on the internet, where do I look for my happiness? Where is the treasure of my heart? Is it in the fact that God loves me freely, that His love always goes before me, and is ready to forgive me when I return repentant to Him? In that filial hope in God's love? Or am I deluding myself in trying to assert my ego and my will at all costs? Brothers and sisters, as the opening of the Holy Door of the Jubilee approaches, let us open the doors of the heart and the mind to the Lord. He is born of Mary Immaculate: let us implore the intercession of Mary. And I will give you a piece of advice. Today it is a good day to decide to make a good Confession. If you cannot go today, this week, until next Sunday, open your heart and the Lord will forgive everything, everything, everything. And so, in Mary's hands, we will be happier.



JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE 21ST – 28TH MAY 2025 Join with Duleek, Donore & Ashbourne Parishes on this Joe Walsh Tours pilgrimage under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Mark & Fr. Michael. Taking pilgrims to some of France's most special sanctuaries and places of magnificent beauty, including Ars-sur-Formans, Paray-le-Monial, Nevers, Lisieux, Tours and Paris. Costs for 7 nights €1,339 pp. For more information about this Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage please contact Caroline in the Parish Office or book directly tel: 01-

2410800 email: info@joewalshtours.ie. wwwjoewalshtours.ie.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS & OFFERING ENVELOPES are now ready for distribution and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Could all who help as distributors call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday this week. Thanking you.

PARISH INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C YE 2023 Today we publish the Income & Expenditure for the parish for Year End 2023. Please see attached Statement with this week's newsletter. Many thanks to everyone again for your continued support.

15^{TH} December 2024

Caroline Doyle

The Parish Office

Parochial House

9.30am-4.30pm

Tuesday to Thursday

Next weekend you are welcome to seek the grace of this sacrament of healing. It is not necessary about saying anything, as God knows all, but humbly receiving the merciful love of God who unconditionally pardons our sins and rejoices in our being renewed in His abundant grace!