



NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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22ND DECEMBER 2024

Caroline Doyle
The Parish Office
Parochial House
Tuesday to Thursday
9.30am-4.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

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.

Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek Christmas Eve 11-12noon

Christmas Eve 5pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)* **9pm** *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

Christmas Day 9am *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)* **12noon** *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

St. Stephen's Day 10am *Missa pro populo*

No Mass on Friday (Donore 10am)

Saturday 7pm Denise Bissett 1st Ann; Larry, Rose & Margaret Duff; Paddy, Nancy, Patrick & Bernadette Harris; Cathal & Noreen O'Hara.

Sunday 9am Joseph Caul; Tony & Christopher Powderly.

Sunday 12noon Nicola Dowling M.M

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



ST. THÉRÈSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10am Vera & Leslie Ball; Maureen Collier; John Hickey.

Christmas Eve 7pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

Christmas Day 10am *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

No Mass on St Stephen's Day (10am in Duleek)

Sunday 10am Tommy Arnold; Betty Brannigan & dec family; Lar, Larry & Christina Brien



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 953.92
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Envelope Collection): € 981.20
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

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 29TH DEC & 5TH JAN *Prayers of the Faithful available for Ministers of the Word in the Sacristy.*
Sat 7:30pm Sam Power & Geraldine Little **Sun. 9am** Ann McWeeney & Shane Hartford **Sun 12noon** David McGuinness & Majella Armstrong

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 28TH & 29TH DEC TEAM C

Sat 7.30pm Rosemary Reilly; Sam Power; Debbie O'Sullivan **Sun. 9am** Billy Doyle & William Maguire

Sun 12noon Colm Heeney; Liz Lynch; Mairead Cromwell

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD SUNDAY 29TH DEC Bridie Brannigan

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 29TH DEC Una McGuinness & Rose Forbes



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND; John Coyle, Hilltown, Bellewstown; Kathleen Murray, Duleek.



ST. PAUL'S MISSAL 2025 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.

Communion Calls for Christmas

This Monday 23rd December Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound in Donore and Fr. Declan will call to Duleek.

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



LAST WEEK OF ADVENT During these few days amid all the Christmas excitement take time to ponder the real reason for Christmas – that God came to reconcile humanity with their God! Christ Jesus came among us to free us from our sins; to show us a way of mercy, of unconditional love, of healing and grace! How much the world needs this gift of God! How perhaps may I or my family need this precious gift of Jesus!



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT St. Thérèse's, Bellewstown Sunday 22nd December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas. All proceeds will go towards East Meath Hospice. Refreshments afterwards in Bellewstown Hall. Everyone welcome.

On Christmas Eve gather the family for prayer at the family crib, then light a candle or use the "safter battery one" and place it in the window or porch of the house as a sign of welcome to Our Lady & St. Joseph and a symbol of hospitality to those in need in our world of Christmas 2024.



HAPPY Christmas!! On our Saviour's Birthday let us give thanks to God and count our blessings! Celebrating the joy of this sacred time with our families and friends we are mindful too of those who have to cope with illness or other tough concerns. Our most sincere gratitude to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society and to all the volunteers who so generously contribute to making Christmas a little less stressed and a lot happier for those most in need in our community. We express our thanks also to the many parishioners who assist with the pastoral, spiritual and financial needs of our parish, especially with looking after the churches, helping at the Masses, sharing in the work at the parish office, the parish grounds, the cemeteries and in the parish schools throughout the year. Special greetings to those home for Christmas and to new parishioners spending their first Christmas with us in Duleek & Bellewstown; Donore & Rossnaree. It continues to pain us all to see the terrible scenes of war and destruction in the Holy Land and so many other places around the world. The unimaginable reality which grandparents, parents and children have to face each day is heartbreaking. So as we pray before the Crib at home or in our churches, we think of all who suffer this Christmas and we plead for peace as we mark this birthday of the Prince of Peace! Pray too for our own families and thank God for the blessings, love and peace we enjoy. On this Christmas Day may the Light of Christ light up our lives, illuminate the darkness which prevails in our world and shine the Light of Heaven brightly for all our dead, especially remembering those who have died since our last Christmas. Assuring you all of our prayers and wishing you and your families, much health and happiness as you celebrate our Saviour's birthday. Fr. Mark, Fr. Declan & Fr Francis.



JUBILEE YEAR MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 22ND-27TH SEPTEMBER 2025

As Pope Francis opens the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve consider joining with Bishop Tom Deenihan and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese in making the Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. Highlights include Papal Audience, The Basilicas of St. Peter (including the prayer ritual of crossing through the Holy Door), St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, The Sistine Chapel & Vatican Museum, Day trip to Assisi, The Colosseum & Roman Forum, The Sancta Scala, Catacombs of San Sebastian. Pilgrims will be accommodated at the Pontifical Irish College with easy access to the city centre. Cost €1,399 Bookings and enquiries Mullingar Travel Tel: 044-9340587 Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie See www.iubilaeum2025.va or www.dioceseofmeath.ie for links to information about the 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. For more information about this Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage please contact Caroline in the Parish Office or book directly tel: 01-2410800 email: info@joewalstours.ie www.joewalstours.ie.

