



NEWSLETTER SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

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Tuesday to Thursday
9.30am-4.30pm



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 Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses next weekend the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

"When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all." Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7pm George & Della Crawley; Peter Finnegan; Dick & Cepta Lenahan; James & Claire Lenahan; Matt, Annie, Jim & Mark Mooney; Lockie O'Sullivan; Anthony & Rose Rooney & dec family; John, Kathleen & Johnny Reilly.

Sunday 9am Paddy & Kathleen Joyce & dec family.

Sunday 12noon Cepta Cudden; Kevin, Eamonn, Rena & Patrick Andrews; Joey Egan & dec family; Paul Wright; Edward & Kathleen Geraghty; Baby Darragh McGarry; Maureen & Thomas Nee; Eddie, Peg, Aiden & Paddy Seary.

Monday 9:30am Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

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

Thursday 9.30am Sarah, Christy & Sean Weldon followed by Lectio Divina at 10am

Friday 9:30am Nora Barry.

Saturday 7pm John Dardis; Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher; Noel McAree.

Sunday 9am Michael Mimna; Eddie Moss.

Sunday 12noon Mickey, Michael & Maisie Clifford.

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 Missa pro populo.

Wednesday 9.30am Adoration from 8.30am-9.30am

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



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €1,306.71
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Envelope Collection): € 893.70
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 AT THE MASSES

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 15TH & 22ND DEC *All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*
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 14TH & 15TH DEC TEAM A
Sat 7.30pm Damian Quinn; Susan Gleeson; Paul Ryan Sun. 9am John McWeeney; Richard Bowden; Keith McDonald
Sun 12noon Joe Martin; Bryan O'Sullivan; Stephen McKee

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD SUNDAY 15TH DEC Mary Howard
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 15TH DEC Rose Forbes & Joe Collins



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY; Evan Wang Murphy.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT St. Therèse'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 on the 14th & 15th December at all Masses in Duleek & Bellewstown. Samaritans support those in emotional distress 24/7
Freenphone 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

Pope Francis, commemorating 350 years since the revelation by Jesus of his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alogue, has written Dilexit Nos – on the Human & Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.



It is essential to realize that our relationship to the Person of Jesus Christ is one of friendship and adoration, drawn by the love represented under the image of his heart. We venerate that image, yet our worship is directed solely to the living Christ, in his divinity and his plenary humanity, so that we may be embraced by his human and divine love. Whatever the image employed, it is clear that the living heart of Christ – not its representation – is the object of our

worship, for it is part of his holy risen body, which is inseparable from the Son of God who assumed that body forever. We worship it because it is "the heart of the Person of the Word, to whom it is inseparably united". Nor do we worship it for its own sake, but because with this heart the incarnate Son is alive, loves us and receives our love in return. Any act of love or worship of his heart is thus "really and truly given to Christ himself", since it spontaneously refers back to him and is "a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ". For this reason, it should never be imagined that this devotion may distract or separate us from Jesus and his love. In a natural and direct way, it points us to him and to him alone, who calls us to a precious friendship marked by dialogue, affection, trust and adoration. The Christ we see depicted with a pierced and burning heart is the same Christ who, for love of us, was born in Bethlehem, passed through Galilee healing the sick, embracing sinners and showing mercy. The same Christ who loved us to the very end, opening wide his arms on the cross, who then rose from the dead and now lives among us in glory.



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.

The pilgrimage will begin in the village of Ars, home of the St. Jean-Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. From Ars pilgrims travel to Paray-le-Monial, one of the most visited religious sites in France. Here 350 years ago St Margaret Mary Alacoque received the apparitions from Our Lord, revealing His Most Sacred Heart. The next stop is Nevers, where St Bernadette Soubirous joined the Sisters of Charity from Lourdes in 1866. We will visit the convent where the incorrupt body of St Bernadette rests. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Loire Valley and the Shrine of St Martin in Tours is also part of the pilgrimage. In Lisieux we will visit the places associated with St. Thérésé, as we mark the centenary of her canonisation in 1925. We will also visit the town of Alençon, where she was born. The final stop will be Paris, where we will have the opportunity to see the restored Notre Dame Cathedral which reopens this Advent, visit the Rue de Bac, Shrine of the Miraculous Medal revealed by Our Lady to St. Catherine Labouré and time permitting see the Basilica of Sacré Coeur, in Montmartre. 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@joewalstours.ie. www.joewalstours.ie. **Limited places available so please book as soon as you can to guarantee your place.**

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!

