



NEWSLETTER *THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

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26TH JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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Tuesday to Thursday
10am-5pm



We cannot do without God's word and its quiet and unassuming power that, as if in a personal dialogue, touches the heart, impresses itself on the soul and renews it with the peace of Jesus, which makes us, in turn, concerned for others. If we look at the friends of God, the witnesses to the Gospel throughout history and the saints, we see that the word was decisive for each of them. We think of the first monk, Saint Anthony, who, struck by a passage of the Gospel while at Mass, left everything for the Lord. We think of Saint Augustine, whose life took a decisive turn when God's word brought healing to his heart. We think of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, who discovered her vocation by reading the letters of Saint Paul. And we think too of the saint whose name I bear, Francis of Assisi,

who, after praying, read in the Gospel that Jesus sent his disciples to preach and exclaimed: "That is what I want; that is what I ask, that is what I desire to do with all my heart!" Their lives were changed by the word of life, by the word of the Lord. But I wonder: how is it that, for many of us, the same thing does not happen? We hear the word of God many times, yet it enters into one ear and goes out the other: why? Perhaps because, as those witnesses make clear, we need to stop being "deaf" to God's word. This is a risk for all of us: overwhelmed by a barrage of words, we let the word of God glide by us: we hear it, yet we fail to listen to it; we listen to it, yet we don't keep it; we keep it, yet we don't let it provoke us to change. More than anything, we read it but we don't pray with it, whereas "prayer ought to accompany the reading of sacred Scripture, so that it can become a dialogue between God and the reader". Let us not forget the two fundamental aspects of Christian prayer: listening to the word and worshiping the Lord. Let us make room for the prayerful reading of Jesus' words. Then we will have the same experience as those first disciples.

Pope Francis Homily Sunday Word of God St. Peter's Basilica, Rome 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7pm Phyllis Moore M.M; Alice Herron.

Sunday 9am Missa pro populo.

Sunday 12noon Gary Murray M.M; Peggy Murray; Tony Andrews; John & Molly Regan.

Tuesday 9:30am May & Bob Collins followed by *Miraculous Medal Novena. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm*

No Mass on Wednesday Morning (9:30am in Bellewstown)

Thursday 9:30am Missa pro populo.

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Saturday 9:30am Feast of St. Brigid

Saturday 7pm Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Eucharia Carroll; Emmet & Margaret Corrigan;

Cathal & Charlie James; James & Mary Monks; Charlie Maloney.

Sunday 9am Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Missa pro populo.

Sunday 12noon Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Nicolas Johnson

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 Patrick & Kathleen Black; Patrick & Theresa Black; Dymphna Reilly.

Wednesday 9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.30am followed by Mass.

Sunday 10am Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jim & Margaret Coyne; John Forde; Christy Wall.



FEAST OF ST. BRIGID, 1ST FEBRUARY To mark the Feast of St. Brigid, next Saturday 1st February, it would be great if parishioners who have some free time could make a few extra crosses to bring to this 9.30am Mass in Duleek for blessing and distribution. It is an Irish tradition for such crosses to be placed in farm sheds to protect the animals from any harm and to seek God's blessing upon all involved in farming as we in Ireland mark the beginning of springtime!



CONFIRMATION 2025 At Baptism they were called by name and now with a new name they will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Tom on Thursday 6th February. **Next Saturday the 1st February, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession will be available for all candidates and their families in the Church of St. Cianán, Duleek from 2-3pm.** It is a moment along the journey to humbly acknowledge our need to seek forgiveness from God and from others whom we haven't loved as Christ has asked us to. It is not what we have to say, as God knows it all, but rather about what we receive, the grace of God afresh in our lives as we prepare to celebrate the out pouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/CANDLEMAS DAY 2ND FEBRUARY Blessing of candles for use during Masses in our churches and at the Vigil or Wakes during the year and other occasions of family prayer in the home. Please bring any candles you want blessed to the Sunday Masses. After this Feast Day the cribs are taken down. It is also *World Day for Consecrated Life* when we acknowledge and pray for the religious sisters, religious brothers, lay men and women who have taken consecrated vows in the Church, remembering especially those from our parish.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 1276.19
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 800
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:
IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61



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TO ASSIST AT THE MASSES

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 26TH JAN & 2ND FEB *Prayers of the Faithful available for Ministers of the Word in the Sacristy.*
Sat 7:30pm Rosemary Reilly & Lorraine Noone *Sun.9am* Emma McQuaile & Richard Bowden *Sun 12noon* Billy Doyle & Olivia Woods

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 1ST & 2ND FEB 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. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD SUNDAY 2ND FEB Joe Collins

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 2ND FEB Rose Forbes & Una McGuinness

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WE CONGRATULATE: Seamus Byrne & Shauna Flynn

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Helpline 1800 677 777 or Contact 087-0931068

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For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling
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CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website

VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark
More info on all the above on
www.dioseseofmeath.ie

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be in Duleek School on Wednesday 29th January 5-9pm. Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment or check your eligibility at giveblood.ie **Chair Yoga class for adults 50+**, enjoyable class with seated yoga. Duleek Community Facility from Thursday 30th January. 6-week programme, cost €30. Contact Paula 0469067887 or email pcunningham@meathcoco.ie **Duleek Cystic Fibrosis 10K Remembrance Run 27/04/2025 @ 2:00pm** walk, jog or run. All levels of fitness welcome. Your continued support is very much appreciated.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

