



SUNDAY NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

DULEEK PARISH

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14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

Caroline Doyle  
The Parish Office  
Parochial House  
Tuesday 10-4pm

Wed & Thurs 9am- 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S CHURCH, DULEEK

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm

John & Elizabeth Collins; John Dardis; Sally Hand; Patrick & Nancy Harris; Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher & dec. family; Patrick & Bernadette Harris; Dick, Cepta, James & Claire Lenehan; Noel McAree; Eddie Moss; Cathal & Noreen O'Hara; Maisie Reilly.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am

Missa pro populo.

12.00pm

Fra Lavery 1<sup>st</sup> Ann; Joey Egan & dec family; Michael Mimna; Peg, Eddie, Aidan & Paddy Seary; Josephine & Patrick Walsh.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am

Mary Fegan Taaffe (followed by *Miraculous Medal Novena*).

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am

Larry, May & Larry Campbell; Karen Geraghty; Martin Hynes; Jack Frances, Dessie, Eugene & Vincent Geraghty; Clodagh Meath; Cameron Richards.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am

Missa pro populo

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm

Kathleen Murray 1<sup>st</sup> Ann; Margie Caffrey; John Clarke & dec. Brodigan family; Seamus, Patricia & John Dardis; Johnny Lenehan; Ann McDermott; Carmel & Andrea McQuaile; John O'Brien; Harry O'Connor.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9.00am

Margaret Gough; Agnes & Tom Potter; Lil & Matthew Redmond; Donors Intention.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 12.00pm

Vera & Leslie Ball; Eamon Corr; Patrick Ennis; Breda & Thomas McDonnell; Pete, Mary & Natalie Noone.



Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Benediction:

Tuesday: 6.00pm - 7.00pm; Saturday: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

ST. THÉRÈSE'S CHURCH, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am

Harry & Lily Flood & dec. family; Margaret & Roger Hampson; John, Julia & William Kelly; Genevieve McConnon.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am

Missa pro populo.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 10.00am

May Brannigan; Maureen Collier; John Hickey; Elizabeth Jenkinson.

Confessions: Sunday 10.45am – 11.15am; Adoration & Eucharistic Benediction: Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Plate Collection): € 1,121.93  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 1,056.70  
Duleek Parish Development: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61



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TO ASSIST AT THE MASSES

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC *Prayers of the Faithful available for Ministers of the Word in the Sacristy.*  
*Saturday Vigil* Catriona Dillon & Marina Nolan *Sun. 9am* Una Doyle & Annette Murray *Sun 12noon* Maria Nestor & Kate McGuinness

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC: TEAM C

*Sat Vigil 7pm* Debbie O'Sullivan; Rosemary Reilly; Sam Power *Sun. 9am* Billy Doyle & William Maguire  
*Sun 12noon* Colm Heeney; Liz Lynch; Mairead Cromwell.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD: SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC Brian Quinn

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC Una McGuinness & Cindy Nelson



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:** Margaret Angela McQuaile.



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND;** Francis Joseph Keogh, Birmingham, UK formerly Dublin/Duleek; Alan Brodigan, late of Termonfeckin & formerly of Kings Gate.

**Cake Sale** this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December after Mass in Bellewstown Hall, all monies raised will go towards Bellewstown Hall and Church.

**Samaritans Church Gate Collection** will take place this weekend at all Masses. Samaritans support those in emotional distress 24/7 Freephone number 116 123.

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*



GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, also called "Gaudete Sunday". The third Advent candle is lit on our Advent wreath. It is the only pink-coloured candle on the wreath, and it represents joy. It signifies a shift from the penitential tone of earlier weeks to a more celebratory one, reminding us to be joyful like the shepherds who heard the news of Jesus' birth, as the promise of the Savior's arrival grows nearer.

BRINGING BABY JESUS TO MASS – 'BAMBINELLI' DAY

Today, following a tradition begun by St. Pope John Paul II, children bring their figure of the baby Jesus from their crib to Mass and the priest blesses the figure before it is put into the child's crib. Any boys and girls who have brought their figurine to Mass today can present it to one of our priests after Mass for a blessing. All parishioners are encouraged to have their crib prominent in their home. Cribs can also be improved upon and added to as each year goes by. Cribs help to create a prayerful environment in our homes, and help us to relive the forthcoming birth of the baby Jesus. We ask God's grace upon all of our homes and families as we prepare for Christmas.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

This weekend, we welcome once more the children and families who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year. 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 2026. The children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport after the Masses. We pray for them all as the continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A parish finance committee meeting took place last Tuesday. At the meeting, the current parish financial situation was examined and projected expenditure and parish projects were discussed for 2026. Our thanks to all of our parish finance committee members for giving their time and expertise to support our parish.

BELLEWSTOWN CAROL SERVICE

"Carols by Candlelight" will take place in St. Thérèse's Church, Bellewstown on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm. It will be an evening of sacred music and reflection in preparation for Christmas. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Bellewstown Hall. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Stephen & Fr. Brendan will make their Christmas visit to the sick and housebound on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If there are any sick or housebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass this Christmas and would like a priest to bring them the Blessed Sacrament, or administer the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office this coming week.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: HOLY MASS & CONFESSIONS

Parishioners are warmly invited to take part in our Christmas ceremonies, especially to come as a family to the Christmas Mass. Christmas is also a time for us to seek the abundant peace that is found in the Sacrament of Confession. Humbly receiving the merciful love of God who unconditionally pardons our sins is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Baby Jesus. We can also encourage family and friends to come back to God with all their hearts this Christmas. Our schedules for Christmas Masses and Confessions are given below.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Duleek Church

Christmas Eve 5.00pm (Family Mass)  
9.00pm  
Christmas Day 9.00am  
12.00pm

Bellewstown Church

Christmas Eve 7.00pm  
Christmas Day 10.00am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Duleek Church

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 1.00pm  
4.00pm – 7.00pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Christmas Eve 10.00am – 1.00pm

Bellewstown Church

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00am – 12.00pm

