



DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER *FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY*

28TH DECEMBER 2025

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Tuesday 10-4pm

Wed & Thurs 9am- 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th Dec	7.00pm	Emmett Lynch M.M; Denise Bissett; Phyllis Moore; Cyril White.
Sunday 28th December <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Tommy Arnold; Lar, Larry & Christina Brien & dec family; Elizabeth Brannigan
	12.00pm	Mick Herron M.M; Joseph Coll; Tony & Christopher Powderly; Eamon Mullen; Andy Walsh.
Tuesday 30th December	9.30am	Bernie & Paddy Lanigan
Wednesday 31st Dec	9.30am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish
Thursday 1st January <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday 2nd January <i>First Friday of the month</i>	9.30am	Parish List of the Dead
Saturday 3rd January	7.00pm	Sheila, Joe & Paddy McKenna & dec family; Sally Piper.
Sunday 4th January	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Joe Mulvaney
	12.00pm	In thanksgiving for all volunteers of our parish

ADORATION & EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION		
	St. Cianan's, Duleek	Bellewstown
Tuesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm	
Wednesday		8.30am - 9.30am
Saturday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION		
	St. Cianan's, Duleek	Bellewstown
Saturday	6.00pm – 7.00pm	
Sunday		10.45am – 11.15am



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 1189.70
Duleek Parish Account: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61
A sincere word of thanks for the generous contribution to the Christmas Offerings. This contribution assists with the upkeep of the parish throughout the year, including the monthly salary of the priests who serve in the parish. 20% is sent to the Diocesan Office for use to assist priests working elsewhere in the diocese when parochial finances are insufficient to run the parish and also look after the local clergy.

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ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 28TH DEC & 4TH JAN

Saturday Vigil Rosemary Reilly & Lorraine Noone *Sun. 9am* Emma McQuaile & Alan Bowden *Sun 12noon* Billy Doyle

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 3RD & 4TH JAN: TEAM B

Sat Vigil 7pm 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 4TH JAN Bernadette McGuinness

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 4TH JAN Una McGuinness & Sindy Nelson



WE CONGRATULATE OUR NEWLY-WEDS:

Monica McGuirk & Paul Murray.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent cake sale in Bellewstown Hall, a total of €500 was raised.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Family. We recall that God Himself was born into a human family, with the Blessed Virgin Mary as mother, and St. Joseph as foster-father. Today we ask God to bless all of the families in our parish in a special way, as we seek to imitate the virtues which we admire in the Holy Family: love, unity, patience, and generosity.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family; help us to put You at the centre of our family, so that we may experience the love that you experienced in the Holy Family. Mary, Mother of Jesus, nourish our family with Your faith and love; help us to be pure, kind, gentle, and self-sacrificing. St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus, protect our family and keep it safe from harm; obtain for all fathers the grace of strength, wisdom, and prudence. Holy Family of Nazareth: Make our family and home more and more like Yours, a place of communion, prayer, and peace, until we are one family in heaven with You.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD & WORLD DAY OF PEACE – 1ST JANUARY 2026

As well as being New Year's Day, the 1st of January is a special feast day in our church calendar, in which we celebrate that Mary is the Mother of God. This feast day dates back to the Council of Ephesus in the year 431 AD, when the Divine Maternity was solemnly declared for the first time as dogma of the Catholic Church. We pray in a special way to Our Lady on this day, and ask her to pray for us and for our parish. This day is also the World Day of Peace, in which we ask God to bring peace to all areas of the world afflicted by war and conflict. In his message for

the World Day of Peace, Pope Leo XIV called for “a peace which is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering”, as we remember Our Lord's first words to His Apostles when He rose from the dead: “Peace be with you!”

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR A CHRISTMAS BREAK

We wish Caroline, our parish secretary, a very happy Christmas and thank her for all of her invaluable work in our parish office over this past year. She will take a well-deserved break for Christmas, with the parish office opening once again on Tuesday 6th January.



Church Volunteers



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

As 2025 concludes, a word of thanks is expressed to all of our parish volunteers. You have helped to ensure that this year's Christmas ceremonies were beautifully and meaningfully celebrated in our churches. We thank you for your help not only now but throughout the past year. It is by people being involved in their parish in a voluntary capacity that the faith

community is strengthened, and that the Gospel message of Christ can spread to others. On behalf of all parishioners, you are thanked. The 12.00pm Mass next Sunday (4th January) will be offered in thanksgiving for your role.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING CHRISTMAS

We pray especially during these days for Pat Joyce and Adrian Ludlow, both from Bellewstown, who passed away over Christmas. We pray that the newborn Christ will welcome them into His heavenly Kingdom. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



BELLEWSTOWN CAROL SERVICE

We give thanks to all of the members of Bellewstown choir who put on a wonderful evening last Sunday in the “Carols by Candlelight” service. The choir were also joined by many children of the parish who sang beautifully. All proceeds went towards the ICU unit in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. A special word of thanks to Peter Moore, who has been leading the choir for 21 years. We thank him for his time and dedication in bringing sacred music to our parish in this carol service, and every week at the Sunday Mass in Bellewstown.

Fr Stephen and Fr Brendan wish all of our parishioners every blessing for 2026. Many thanks once again for your support, and may God grant you every grace in this new year!



