



## SUNDAY NEWSLETTER *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

### DULEEK PARISH

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7<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 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm**

Maire Clarke & dec family; James & Catherine Lynch & dec family;  
John, Mary & Ann Clinton; Georgina Crosby; Peter Finnegan;  
John, Kathleen & Johnny Reilly; Lockie O'Sullivan.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am**

Paddy & Kathleen Joyce & dec family; Thomas, Margaret, Charles &  
Rosemary Ryan.

**12.00pm**

Mary & Patrick Andrews; Nancy Andrews & dec family; Cepta Cudden;  
Kevin, Rena, Patrick & Eamonn Andrews; Edward & Kathleen Geraghty;  
Baby Darragh McGarry; Paul Wright; Thomas & Maureen Nee.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** John, Mary & Ann Clinton.

**7.00pm**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** Eithne McDonald;

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am**

Anthony, Rose, Mickey, Colm & Ciaran Rooney.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am**

Missa pro populo. *(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena).*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am**

Missa pro populo.

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

Nora Barry; Sarah, Chisty & Sean Weldon.

John & Elizabeth Collins; John Dardis; Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher &  
dec family; Dick, Cepta, James & Claire Lenehan; Noel McAree;  
Eddie Moss; Maisie Reilly.

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

Missa pro populo.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00pm**

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



**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 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00am**

Tara McGuinness; Cameron Hagan.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am**

Dec Kirwan & Sherry families.

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

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

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



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Plate Collection): € 715.25  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 707  
**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 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> DEC: 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 14<sup>TH</sup> DEC** Richard Howard

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DEC** Rose Forbes & Joe Collins

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH  
COMMUNITY:** Georgia Grace Rossi; Tilly Autumn  
Ahern Shaw.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087-0931068**  
**Annual Christmas Appeal** Church gate collection  
will take place outside all churches this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
& Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



## CELEBRATING ADVENT 2025

The 'Bethlehem Candle' is lit today on our Advent wreath. This second candle represents 'faith' and joins our first candle of 'hope' in our Advent reflection and prayer. It is by faith that we unite ourselves to God. We can reflect today on the great gift of our Catholic faith that has been given to us. We can also continue our Advent practices: lighting an Advent candle or wreath at home each day; opening the doors on an Advent Calendar; or pausing to pray the

Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of salvation. We can also recall the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world as we prepare for Christmas.

### BRINGING BABY JESUS TO MASS – 'BAMBINELLI' DAY

Next weekend, we invite all children and families to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home crib, or even your whole crib set, to any of our weekend Masses. After each Mass, we will have a special blessing of the Bambinelli, asking God's grace upon our homes and families as we prepare for Christmas. This is a simple but beautiful family tradition, begun by St. Pope John Paul II. It's a tradition that reminds us that the Baby Jesus blesses every family, and a way to show our love for Him.



### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. It is a holy day of obligation, and there will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm. All are welcome to honour and pray to Our Lady on this Marian feast day.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Parish Christmas Cards & offering Envelopes are now ready for distribution and all who help as distributors are asked to call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday this coming week. We are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout our parish. Christmas Mass Bouquets are also now on sale in the Parish Office.

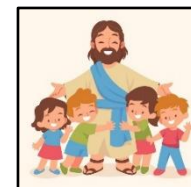


### CHRISTMAS CRIB

We thank Jim Curley and Derek Clarke for putting up our beautiful crib in St. Cianan's Church this week. It will be blessed on Monday evening after the 7.00pm Mass. We thank all of those who are helping to decorate our churches for the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas.

### 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.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

As families and local faith communities we continue to encourage our parents as they support the children along the journey of preparing for the celebration of these sacraments in 2026. Next weekend's Masses will once again be dedicated to the children who will receive the sacraments, and they will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport after Mass.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Duleek Bellewstown Active Retirement** Christmas lunch in The Monasterboice Inn on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 12.30pm. Please gather at The Parish Centre @ 11.45am to arrange lifts. For more info contact 0876625788.

**Duleek Women's Forum**, those going to the Carrickdale Christmas Lunch on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the bus leaves Duleek Courthouse at 11.45am.

**Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop Day** in Bellewstown Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 11am. Create 3 Christmas arrangements, cost €100 and includes all materials and lunch. For more information please call Collette 086 8455133 or Bridie 087 9435963. **Cake Sale** on 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 on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December at all Masses in Duleek & Bellewstown. Samaritans support those in emotional distress 24/7 Freephone number 116 123. Samaritans are always looking for listening volunteers to help us provide the service, if interested please email [drogheda.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:drogheda.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org)

**Duleek CFR Group** cover a 5km radius including Duleek and parts of Bellewstown & Donore also. They are currently looking for new responders to join the existing team. If interested, contact: [duleekcfr@gmail.com](mailto:duleekcfr@gmail.com) or 0863630115 / 087 6390495.

