



DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

11TH JANUARY 2026

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

Wed & Thurs 9am- 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th January	7.00pm	Johnny & Jimmy Deveraux; Patrick & Bridget Naughton
Sunday 11th January The Baptism of the Lord	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Bridie & James Flynn; James Hamilton; Mary & John Reilly.
	12.00pm	Gary Murray 1 st Ann; Peggy Murray; Seanie & Shay Lane; Greta Powderly; Ursula Taaffe.
Tuesday 13th January	9.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 14th January	9.30am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish
Thursday 15th January	9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday 16th January	9.30am	People of the Parish
Saturday 17th January	7.00pm	Paula Fegan; Alice Herron; Richard McGuinness
Sunday 18th January	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Colm Duffy; Dymphna Reilly.
	12.00pm	Geraldine Sarsfield 1 st Ann; Bernard Clarke; Jack, Maryanne & John Cudden; John & Molly Regan.

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 (Plate Collection): € 786.38
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 577.10
Duleek Parish Development: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61

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ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 11TH & 18TH JAN

Saturday Vigil Patricia McGlone **Sun. 9am** Aileen Crosby & Emily Maguire **Sun 12noon** Geraldine Potter Redmond

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 10TH & 11TH JAN: 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 11TH JAN Bridie Brannigan

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 11TH JAN Rose Forbes & Joe Collins

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Duleek Bellewstown Active Retirement meeting Wednesday 14th January @ 2pm in The Parish Centre. New Members welcome. Bowls every Tuesday @ 2pm in The Parish Centre.
Duleek Cystic Fibrosis 10K Remembrance Run 26/04/2026 @ 2:00pm. Please save the date for the annual Cystic Fibrosis 10K Remembrance Run/Walk. The event is to celebrate and remember our loved ones lost to CF. The run has raised €310,850 to date and we thank you for your continued support.

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 church notice boards and www.dioceseofmeath.ie

VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? See www.dioceseofmeath.ie



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the final day of the Christmas season. All four Gospels record Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by St. John the Baptist, which heralds the start of Our Lord's public ministry. Jesus was thirty years of age when baptised. We also recall the great gift that we received at the moment of our own baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism gives us entry to the Church, and as well as washing away original sin, it makes us into temples of the Holy Spirit. We thank God today for the great grace of baptism which we have received. At Mass on this feast day, we renew our baptismal promises and we are sprinkled with holy water as we renew our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

Every Sunday, children are baptised in our parish: at 10.45am in Bellewstown and at 12.45pm in Duleek. If anyone would like to make enquiries about baptising a child, please contact our parish office at: 041-9823205 or email: duleekparish@gmail.com. Parents who desire to have their child baptised are given a form to fill out, and the next available date is booked. Parents of children due to be baptised subsequently attend a one-off baptismal course. These take place on the final Thursday of every month at 8.00pm, and are given by Fr Brendan. For adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, the Diocese of Meath runs a programme called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (the RCIA) programme. We pray in a special way today for all of those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

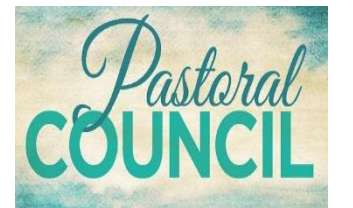


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

This weekend, we welcome once more the children and families who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. As a parish, we continue to encourage our parents as they support the children along the journey of preparing for the celebrations of these sacraments. The children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport after today's Masses. We pray especially for all of the boys and girls who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 11th February 2026.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council held a meeting last Wednesday with Fr Stephen and Fr Brendan. A review of all Christmas activities was discussed, and the pastoral letter "Why Sunday Matters" was discussed. This letter was published last autumn by the Irish bishops, and explores ways of enhancing our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The Parish Pastoral Council examined ways to enhance participation at the Sunday Eucharist, in order to encourage a more active involvement in the Mass. The Parish Pastoral Council would also like to remind parishioners that suggestion boxes are available in our churches, and new suggestions are always most welcome.



DATE FOR CEMETERY SUNDAY: JUNE 6TH - 7TH 2026

Blessing of the graves will take place this year on Saturday 6th June at 5.00pm in Crossmacole Cemetery. Also on Saturday 6th June, after the Vigil Mass, there will be blessing of the graves in St. Mary's Abbey. On Sunday 7th June at 1.00pm, there will be blessings in Holy Cross & Good Shepherd cemeteries. Please note that no individual Mass intentions will be taken cemetery Sunday weekend as all masses will be offered for those buried in our cemeteries.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Pope Leo XIV has encouraged all of the faithful this month to read the Bible and to use the Word of God as a means of prayer. Only the Gospel, he said, can give peace and fullness to the human heart, which he noted is restless and hungers for meaning. God's Word in Sacred Scripture, said the Pope, provides "nourishment in weariness, hope in darkness, and strength in our communities." He prayed that all Christians may draw strength and guidance from the Word of God and that the Church may always proclaim the Gospel with joy.



