



DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

18TH JANUARY 2026
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SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A



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Caroline Doyle
The Parish Office
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Tuesday 10-4pm
Wed & Thurs 9am- 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th January	7.00pm	Paula Fagan; 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; Maryanne & John Cudden; John & Molly Regan.
Tuesday 20th January	9.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 21st January	9.30am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish
Thursday 22nd January	9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday 23rd January	9.30am	People of the Parish
Saturday 24th January	7.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th January	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Adrian Ludlow M.M; Hughie & Gerry Bellew.
	12.00pm	People of the 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 (Plate Collection): € 1,618.41
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 974.50
Christmas Plate €4,404.84 Christmas Envelopes €9,725
A sincere word of thanks for the generous contribution to the Christmas Plate and Offering Envelopes.



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ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 25TH JAN & 1ST FEB

Saturday Vigil Sam Power & Geraldine Little **Sun. 9am** Noel Heeney & Alice White **Sun 12noon** Lily Murray & John Heeney

ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 24TH & 25TH 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 25TH JAN Richard Howard

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 25TH JAN Una McGuinness & Sindy Nelson



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Rhea Joan Lynch Mason.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Duleek Library Film Club for the active ageing will take place this Tuesday 20th January in the library at 10.30am. Refreshments afterwards all welcome.

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.

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



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place this week from 18th to 24th January. It is a week in which the entire Church prays for unity amongst all Christians, as Christ Himself prayed at the Last Supper: “That they may all be one.” (John 17,21). The Second Vatican Council put a particular focus on this movement towards unity in its document on ecumenism, called Unitatis Redintegratio. In it, we read: “The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the

Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only... Among our separated brethren, there increases from day to day the movement, fostered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for the restoration of unity among all Christians. This movement toward unity is called "ecumenical." Those belong to it who invoke the Triune God and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior, doing this not merely as individuals but also as corporate bodies. For almost everyone regards the body in which he has heard the Gospel as his Church and indeed, God's Church. All however, though in different ways, long for the one visible Church of God, a Church truly universal and set forth into the world that the world may be converted to the Gospel and so be saved, to the glory of God.” (Unitatis Redintegratio no.1)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026

Catholic schools across Ireland will celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026 from 18th to 24th January under the theme ‘Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness’, inviting pupils, families and school communities to reflect on how holiness is lived through ordinary daily life. Inspired by the words of Pope Francis on Saint Carlo Acutis, the theme emphasises that holiness is not reserved for a select few, but is a universal calling. “Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith,” Pope Francis said, reflecting on the young Italian whose life of friendship, study and digital creativity was rooted in a deep love of the Eucharist. In his message for Catholic Schools Week, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, “Pope Leo described recently our Catholic schools as being like stars in the constellation of all of the schools and universities that are out there... Everyone in our Catholic schools can be a star, can be someone who leads others to the light, away from the darkness of sin... We can do that by being a good friend to others, by being forgiving or showing compassion and love and generosity to someone who needs our help or by being a good person in our families and in our homes, being good to our parents, our grandparents.” Catholic Schools Week draws on the words of Pope Leo XIV, who recently affirmed that “the saints show us that holiness is not about escape from the world, but deep engagement with it in the Spirit of Christ”



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.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8th September 2026. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours. For further inquiries, please contact them at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstours.ie.



BELLEWSTOWN CHURCH CHOIR would like to thank everyone who contributed to the recent fundraisers for the ICU in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in memory of our very good friend Sheila Scanlon Roche. Sheila was a longtime member of the choir and sadly passed away June 2025. Fundraisers included a Poker night which raised €1,525 and a Christmas Carol Service which raised a further €1,200. Total amount €2,725 was presented to the hospital on 9th January 2026 by Rose O’Reilly and Bridie Duffy. Thanks again for all your generous donations.

