



## DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A

25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Adrian Ludlow M.M; Hughie & Gerry Bellew.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Tony Andrews
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am (Bellewstown)</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Thomas Kavanagh 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary; Eucharistia Carroll; Charlie Maloney; Christy Wall.
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> <b>Feast of St Brigid</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Pat Joyce M.M; Patrick & Kathleen Black & dec family; James & Margaret Coyne; Liam Forde.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Nicholas Johnson.

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): € 864.41  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 750.45  
**Duleek Parish Development: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61**



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#### ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 25<sup>TH</sup> JAN & 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 31<sup>ST</sup> JAN & 1<sup>ST</sup> FEB: 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 1<sup>ST</sup> FEB Brian Quinn

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEB Rose Forbes & Joe Collins



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:** Kasey Ena O'Leary Carroll; Chloe Brídín Dowling.



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND;** Kevin Greene, Drogheda formerly of Bellewstown.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**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](http://www.accord.ie)

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING**  
See church notice boards and [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie)  
**VOCATIONS**  
Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? See [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie)



### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Today is Sunday of the Word of God, a special day instituted by Pope Francis. It reminds us that Sacred Scripture is essential for the Christian life. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world," the late Pope wrote in his 2019 apostolic letter "Aperuit Illis." We are reminded in a special way today to have a copy of the Bible in our homes, and to open it and read it regularly.

The Bible contains 73 books: 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The central part of the Bible is the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Why not make a resolution to read one paragraph of the Gospels each day? It takes two minutes of our time, and allows God to nourish us with His Word, as well as helping us to know about the life of Christ. If we find that we do not know how to pray, the Gospels are a wonderful place to start. Prayerful meditation on Jesus' life allows Him to transform our hearts, so that we can love others as He loves us. "Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of Sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us." - *Pope Francis*.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

The parish is grateful to all who give service as a Reader of the Word of God. Duleek Parish has many parishioners involved as Ministers of the Word. Would you be willing to become a reader in our parish? If you could help us deliver this important lay ministry, the Parish Office would be delighted to hear from you.



### FEAST OF ST BRIGID

Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, is the Feast of St. Brigid, Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland. Parishioners are warmly invited to make St. Brigid's crosses and to drop them into the church or parish office this week, for blessing and distribution during the Masses on St. Brigid's Day. It is an Irish tradition for such crosses to be placed in farm sheds to protect the animals from any harm and to seek God's blessing upon all involved in farming as springtime begins.

### DATES FOR SACRAMENTS 2026

**Confirmation:** Bishop Tom Deenihan will give the Sacrament of Confirmation in two ceremonies on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

10.00am: Duleek Boys NS, Bellewstown NS, Cushinstown NS.  
12.00pm: Duleek Girls NS, Mount Hanover NS.



**First Confession:** Children from our parish will receive First Confession on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

10.00am: Bellewstown NS (St Therese's Church); 11.00am: Duleek Boys NS (St. Cianan's Church)  
12.00pm: Duleek Girls NS (St. Cianan's Church)  
2.00pm: Mount Hanover NS & Cushinstown NS (St. Cianan's Church)

**First Holy Communion:** First Holy Communion celebrations take place on the following dates:  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.00am: Duleek Boys NS; 12.00pm: Mount Hanover NS & Cushinstown NS  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** 10.00am: Bellewstown NS (St Therese's Church);  
12.00pm: Duleek Girls NS (St. Cianan's Church)



### DATE FOR CEMETERY SUNDAY: JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> 2026

Blessing of the graves will take place this year on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm in Crossmacole Cemetery. Also on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, after the Vigil Mass, there will be blessing of the graves in St. Mary's Abbey. On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

