



DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Beauparc, Slane & Rathkenny

22ND FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Parish Secretary:  
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Parish Office Hours:  
Tuesday: 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 4.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	7.00pm	Kevin Greene M.M; Sandra Clarke; Kevin Finnegan; Kathy, Tom & Angela Gallagher & dec. family; Matthew & Moll Kavanagh; Paddy Molloy.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February First Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Donor Intention.
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish.
	12.00pm	Phil Fogarty; Tommy Gallagher; Annie, William & Liam Gallagher; Patsy Loughran & dec family; Theresa, Larry & Austin Mooney; Annie & Michael O’Toole & dec family; Packie Sherlock.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30am (Duleek)	People of the Parish.
	9.30am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00pm	Richard Culhane M.M; Alfred Rawe 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann; Violet & Patrick Sheridan; Miriam Sheridan Traynor; Nancy, Alicia & Ted Woods.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent	9.00am	People of the Parish.
	10.00am(Bellewstown)	John Ludlow 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.
	12.00pm	Betty Devereaux M.M; Brian Connor & dec. family; Jim Gray.

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):	€ 715.65
SHRINES:	€ 174.35
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes):	€ 944.35



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ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB & 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH  
*Saturday Vigil* Rosemary Reilly & Lorraine Noone *Sun. 9am* James McKenna & Frank Ryan  
*Sun 12noon* David McGuinness & Majella Armstrong  
ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 28<sup>TH</sup> FEB & 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH: TEAM A  
*Sat Vigil 7pm* Paul Ryan; Denise Duff; Susan Gleeson *Sun. 9am* John McWeeney; Richard Bowden; Keith McDonald.  
*Sun 12noon* Joe Martin; Bryan O’Sullivan; Stephen McKee.

ST. THÉRÈSE’S MINISTER OF THE WORD: SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH Bernadette McGuinness.  
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH Una McGuinness & Cindy Nelson.



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH:  
Aubree Branigan; Ruhn Durnin.



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND; Betty Kiely (nee Shanley), California, sister of Pat Shanley, Duleek.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Duleek Library** The next film showing for the active ageing in Duleek Library is Tuesday 24th February at 10.30am. All welcome. **St Vincent De Paul** church gate collection will take place before all Masses in Duleek and Bellewstown on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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)



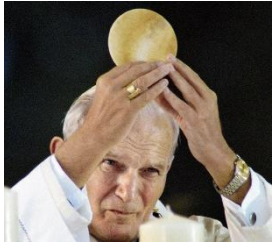
LENT 2026

Lent began a few days ago on Ash Wednesday. Our churches have Lenten Crosses near the altar, reminding us that we are accompanying Our Lord as He goes to Calvary, and to encourage us to enter into the journey and awakening of Lent. Purple is the traditional colour of Lent and our priests wear purple vestments at liturgies over the next 40

days. Purple represents the call to renew our lives spiritually, and to reflect on what it is that Christ did for us through his passion and death. During this season the Alleluia and Gloria are no longer said or sung at Mass, and flowers on the sanctuary are kept at a minimum. This is all part of us ‘stripping ourselves’ back to the essentials and ‘entering the desert’ of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT:

When war prevented medieval pilgrims from visiting the crucifixion sites of Our Lord in Jerusalem, artists created images representing these events so the faithful could reflect on Jesus’ final hours. These images became known as the “Stations of the Cross”. The Franciscans spread the practice of the stations in the twelfth century. Since 1731 the stations in churches have numbered 14, and they have been promoted especially during Lent and on Fridays. A wonderful practice to take up this Lent is the Stations of the Cross. On the Friday evenings of Lent, our parish will hold guided Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm. Booklets will be given which follow meditations on the Stations of the Cross from the Diary of Divine Mercy of St. Faustina Kowalska. All are welcome.



EARLY MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

In our parish during Lent, there will be Mass every Wednesday morning at 7.30am. Parishioners who go to work during the day are especially invited to this early morning Mass. Why not take up this Lenten practice as a small sacrifice, and also as a way to start the day with Our Lord? St. Pope John Paul II once wrote: “The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world.” - *Address to young people of Bologna, Sept. 27, 1997.*

OTHER LENTEN PRACTICES:

As Lent begins it is a very special time of grace as we accompany Christ in preparation for His Passion, Death and Resurrection at Easter. Lent calls us to repent of our sins and to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the poor. Why not take this time to root out a bad habit, or to take up something good which you feel God is calling you to do? Some suggestions from the Irish Bishops Conference are the following: Abstaining from meat or some other food; abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking; making a special effort at family prayer; making a special effort to attend weekday Mass; visiting the Blessed Sacrament; making the Stations of the Cross; giving more to the needy; visiting the sick or the lonely. Many people during Lent also seek to use less their phones or social media. The Sacrament of Confession is also a wonderful source of grace and Lent is the perfect time to seek reconciliation with God. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also available in our parish and is a great way to spend silent time with God in prayer.



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.

ST. CIANAN’S CHURCH

A thorough cleaning was carried out on St. Cianan’s church last week, including the carpets on the altar, the carpets in the sacristy, the windows, the pews and the choir area. The large Cross was also placed on the wall towards the front of the church on the right hand side, in keeping with this time of Lent. We thank all of those who give their time for the cleaning and upkeep of our churches.



