



# DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Richard Culhane M.M; Alfred Rawe 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann; Violet & Patrick Sheridan; Miriam Sheridan Traynor; Nancy, Alicia & Ted Woods.
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	John Ludlow 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Betty Devereaux M.M; Thomas Battersby; Brian Connor & dec. family; Jim Gray.
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Bridget Bird.
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.30am (Duleek)</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>9.30am (Bellewstown)</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Dessie & Vincent Geraghty.
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>First Friday of the Month</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Parish List of the Dead.
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Joe Fedigan; Alice, Ollie & Bernard Mahon; Harry & Helen McCormick.
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>10.00am(Bellewstown)</b>	Patrick McConnell.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Michael Andrews 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann; Chrissie Clinton; Michael Naughton; Mary Purfield; Baby Anna Finnegan Coll; Thomas & Mary Lowthe; Mary, Chrissie, Tommy & Mary Lowthe; Thomas Lowthe.

## 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.



## BRING LENT TO LIFE

\* Read the Bible / pray the Rosary at home. \* Partake in the 7.30am Mass on Wednesday morning \* Commit to be present for an hour or part of an hour's Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday \* Pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening \* Fast on a Friday.... Or Consider the tech fast highlighted below.

## CONSIDER A TECH FAST FOR LENT

"Encourage one another and build one another up." (1 Thess 5:11) This Lent, consider a tech fast as a way to reconnect with faith, family, and yourself. Set aside time each day to unplug—for a set time or specific place (for instance whether it's no screen during meals or in the bedroom, or on a specific day of the week). Replace screen time with something meaningful, like reading Scripture, helping at home, or spending time outdoors. By choosing to be present instead of distracted, you'll create space for God's voice in your daily life. By scrolling less and talking more to others we reach out to those around us in a more positive way. Scrolling connects us to information, but often distances us from people. Real conversation requires attention, patience, and presence.



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):	€1,060.53
	SHRINES:	€ 535.47
	PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes):	€ 821.00



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## ST. CIANAN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 8<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

*Saturday Vigil* Patricia McGlone *Sun. 9am* Declan & Freddie Murray *Sun 12noon* Maria Nestor & Kate McGuinness

## ST. CIANAN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: 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. THERÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD: SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH Bridie Brannigan.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH Rose Forbes & Joe Collins.



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH:** Seán Gearóid Seery Martin.

## 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)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Vincent De Paul church gate collection this weekend at all Masses.

**Duleek Bellewstown Active Retirement** meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm The Parish Centre. Please come along for Chair exercises and a talk on positive aging. All welcome. Outing to Monasterboice Inn on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at the Parish Centre for 1.15pm. Bowls every Tuesday @ 2pm in the Parish Centre. **Meals on Wheels** urgently need a volunteer for the kitchen on every second Wednesday from 9am-12noon. Please contact Maureen 087-9932649. **Duleek Women's Forum** would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning and raffle in Duleek Courthouse on Tuesday 17th February for Our Lady's Hospice, Dublin. The response was great with €760 raised.

## CHILDREN'S MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, we welcome once more the children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments in our parish, as well as those children who already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport after the Masses. In particular, we pray for those children who are due to receive the Sacrament of Confession for the first time. This will take place in our parish on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We thank all of the parents, grandparents and teachers who are preparing the children at this time.



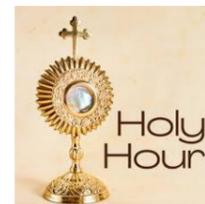
## FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, the First Friday Communion calls will take place for the sick and housebound members of our parish. If any parishioners wish to receive a visit from our priests, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office or to let our priests know.



## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood will take place in St Colmeille's Church, Kells Co Meath, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7pm-8pm. If you feel called to be a Priest of Jesus Christ please come along to this special event. Here we will reflect on Christ as Son, Servant and Priest. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude; Phone: 044-9373923. [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com); Email: [vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie](mailto:vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie)



## CHILDREN'S

### CHOIR

Next weekend, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will once again welcome the children to sing at our Vigil Mass. It has been a year since the introduction of our Children's choir and they are going from strength to strength. It is great to have them make the celebration of Mass so special. New members are always welcome.





