



# DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Beauparc, Slane & Rathkenny

15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

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Tuesday: 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 4.00pm

## CONFIRMATION DAY

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their Confirmation Day in our parish last Wednesday. It was a wonderful day for all in the parish, as Bishop Tom Deenihan visited us and 110 children received the Sacrament. We pray for all of the children and their families, that they may continue to grow in faith and to bear witness to Christ. Thanks to all who so kindly helped to make the day special: the choirs, the altar society and our sacristans. Many thanks also to the principals and teachers of the schools who helped to prepare the children to receive the Sacrament.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | <b>7.00pm</b>                          | Evelyn Loughran; Adam O'Leary; Kathleen Vaughey.  |
| <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b><br><b>Day of Prayer for Temperance</b> | <b>9.00am</b>                          | People of the Parish.   |
|   | <b>10.00am</b><br><b>(Bellewstown)</b> | John Farrell & dec family.  |
|   | <b>12.00pm</b>                         | Ilze Canning; Sean & Marie Clarke & dec family.   |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>   | <b>9.30am</b>                          | People of the Parish.   |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday: Day of Prayer, Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>                  | <b>7.30am (Duleek)</b>                 | People of the Parish.   |
|   | <b>9.30am (Bellewstown)</b>            | People of the Parish.   |
|   | <b>7.00pm (Duleek)</b>                 | People of the Parish.   |
| <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | <b>9.30am</b>                          | Adam & Kathleen Mathot.   |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse</b>   | <b>9.30am</b>                          | People of the Parish.   |
| <b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>  | <b>7.00pm</b>                          | Kevin Greene M.M; Sandra Clarke; Kevin Finnegan; Kathy, Tom & Angela Gallagher & dec family; Matthew & Moll Kavanagh; Paddy Molloy. |
| <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b><br><b>First Sunday of Lent</b>   | <b>9.00am</b>                          | People of the Parish.   |
|   | <b>10.00am</b><br><b>(Bellewstown)</b> | People of the Parish  |
|   | <b>12.00pm</b>                         | Tommy Gallagher; Annie, William & Liam Gallagher; Patsy Loughran & dec family; Theresa, Larry & Austin Mooney; Packie Sherlock.     |



## LENT 2026

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. 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 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.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday is a day in which we abstain from eating meat, and also a day of fasting (one normal meal and two smaller meals).

The following is the schedule in our parish:

- 7.30am: Holy Mass (Duleek)
- 9.30am: Holy Mass (Bellewstown)
- 2.30pm to 4.30pm: Ashes available from our priests in St. Cianan's Church, Duleek.
- 6.00pm: Sacrament of Confession
- 7.00pm: Holy Mass (Duleek)



Ashes can be received at all of the Masses. Why not get Lent off to a great start by making a good Confession as you receive the ashes and start the Lenten journey?



## EARLY WEEKLY MASS & STATION OF THE CROSS DURING 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 warmly invited to start the day with Our Lord at this Mass. As Lent is a time of prayer, Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday of Lent 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. In each of our churches a Cross will be displayed for Lent. Whatever crosses you may be carrying, please come and place your pain or burden at the foot of the Cross, where Our Lord can give you strength to carry it.

## PARISH PASTORAL AREA MEETING

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, members of our Parish Pastoral Council took part in a regional meeting in Beauparc with the other parishes of our recently formed Pastoral Area, which includes the four parishes of Duleek, Beauparc, Slane and Rathkenny. Together, priests and parish members discussed how greater cooperation could be achieved between the parishes in the future. All of the parishes will continue to work together as we seek to follow Christ and the way of the Gospel.



## OFFERTORY GIFTS AT SUNDAY MASSES

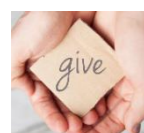
Following upon an initiative by our Parish Pastoral Council, families with an intention for a Mass are asked to nominate two members to bring up the bread and the wine being used at the Mass offered for their loved one. These are brought forward to the altar from the small table at the time of the offertory. When booking a Mass, family members can inform our parish secretary who will bring up the gifts, and then inform our sacristans that they are present before the beginning of the Mass itself. The Offertory Table in St. Cianan's Church, Duleek, is located halfway up the church on the left hand side. The Offertory Table in Bellewstown is located at the back of the church on the left hand side. The gifts that are brought forward are symbolic of the prayers that we offer as a faith community gathered around the Lord's altar.

## ADORATION & EUCHARISTIC BENECTION

|           | 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): € 1,184.19  
 SHRINES: € 145.81  
 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 986.50



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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 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</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 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB Caroline Jenkinson

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB Una McGuinness & Sindy Nelson.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Duleek Women's Forum** are running a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale on Tuesday 17th February in Duleek Courthouse from 10.00am to 11.00am for Our Lady's Hospice. Raffle on the Day. All welcome.  
**Duleek Women's Forum** Line Dancing classes in the Parish Centre every Monday morning (except Bank Holidays). Beginners 10am-11am. Dancing continues until 12 noon. 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)

