



# DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

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Tuesday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 4.00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Joe Fedigan; Margaret Hillman; Alice, Ollie & Bernard Mahon; Harry & Helen McCormick.
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Marian Flynn; Patrick McConnell.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Michael Andrews 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann; Mary Purfield 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann; Chrissie Clinton; Michael Naughton; Baby Anna Finnegan Coll; Thomas, Mary, Chrissie, Mary, Tommy, Mary & Thomas Lowthe; Jack & Peggy McCormack.
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.30am (Duleek)</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>9.30am (Bellewstown)</b>	William, Kathleen & Esther Brangan & dec family; Margaret & Nicholas Hughes.
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Mary & Bridget Bohan; Jimmy Carroll; Mary Kavanagh; Billy McGuinness.
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Paddy Joyce.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Kevin, Rena, Patrick & Eamonn Andrews.

## 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): € 1,261.83  
 SHRINES: € 133.17  
 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 1,158.60



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## ST. CIANÁN'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. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: 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 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH Aoife Harris.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH Una McGuinness & Sindy Nelson.



## THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH:

Cillian Francis Kelly.

## INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND:

Fiona Fitzsimons, Drogheda

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Duleek Bellewstown Active Retirement** outing to Monasterboice Inn on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at the Parish Centre for 1.15pm.  
**Meals on Wheels** urgently need a volunteer for the kitchen on every second Wednesday from 9am-12noon. Please contact Maureen 087-9932649. **Clann Mór Residential & Respite** will be holding a church gate collection at all Masses 14th and 15th March. Clann Mór is an independent Meath-based not-for-profit Charity providing social care services to adults with intellectual disabilities.

## 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)

## CHILDREN'S MASS THIS WEEKEND

This 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 will receive the Sacrament of Confession next week for the first time. We thank all of the parents, grandparents and teachers who are preparing the children at this time.

## FIRST CONFESSIONS NEXT WEEK

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, the children from our parish will make their First Confession.

**10.00am: Bellewstown (St Therese's Church, Bellewstown)**

**11.00am: Duleek Boys**

**12.00pm: Duleek Girls**

**2.00pm: Mount Hanover & Cushinstown**

We thank all of the parents, grandparents and teachers who have been preparing the children with our priests. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any sins committed are washed away and new life is restored to the soul by receiving the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness. We hope that all the children receiving the sacrament for the first time will come to know the love of God for them by experiencing His infinite mercy in the Sacrament of Confession.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT:

A wonderful practice to take up this Lent is the Stations of the Cross. The 14 devotions, or Stations, are placed as separate images around the walls of the Church. Each image focuses on a specific event of the Passion of Our Lord, including His carrying of the Cross, His greeting of Our Lady, and His three falls under the weight of the Cross. The person doing the Stations starts at the first image, where specific prayers are recited. The person then moves to the next Station and repeats the same, until all are complete. The Stations are commonly used as a mini-pilgrimage as the person moves from Station to Station. **On the Friday evenings of Lent at 7.00pm, our parish is holding guided Stations of the Cross.** Booklets are given which follow meditations on the Stations of the Cross from the Diary of Divine Mercy of St. Faustina Kowalska. All are welcome.



## CEMETERY SUNDAY: 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

This year, Cemetery Sunday will take place according to the following schedule:

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: 5.00pm: Crossmacole Cemetery**

**8.00pm: St. Mary's Abbey**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: 1.00pm: Holy Cross & Good Shepherd Cemeteries**

All graves will be blessed, and prayers will be offered for all of our faithful departed. Parishioners are invited to notify especially those travelling from afar of these dates and times. Please note that no individual Mass intentions will be taken on Cemetery Sunday as all Masses will be offered for those buried in our cemeteries.

## ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This weekend we welcome once more the children's choir at our Vigil Mass. It has been one year since the introduction of our Children's choir. We congratulate Emily and all of the children for reaching this milestone, and for making our Saturday evening Mass so special. New members are always welcome!



## MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie).