



# DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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Tuesday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<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>(Laetare Sunday)</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Mass for All Mothers</b>
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Paddy Joyce.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Kevin, Rena, Patrick & Eamonn Andrews; Thomas Dronoy; Patrick, Alice, John & Fr Desmond Hartford.
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>St Patrick's Day</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Claire Brannigan; John Whearty.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Wednesday 18<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 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Sean & Maire Clarke & dec. family; Ina & Gerry Gallagher; Catherine Lynch & dec. family; Baby Liam Reilly; Mylie Reilly; Paddy & Monty Gogan; Margaret Sheridan.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Thomas & Annie Heeney & dec. family.
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Shaun & Richard Lynch; Siobhan Murtagh; Esther, Noel & John Tallon.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Elizabeth Dowling; Oliver Heavey; Lorcan Lynch; Mandy O'Connor; Pat Taaffe; Mary & Francis Teeling; Brendan, Patrick & Mary Teeling.

## 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): € 1,093.52

SHRINES: € 164.48

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 927.85



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**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH:**

Lily Ocean Behan; Phoenix Xerxes Behan.



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND:**

Pat Brannigan, Bellewstown.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Clann Mór Residential & Respite will be holding a church gate collection at all Masses this weekend. Clann Mór is an independent Meath-based not-for-profit Charity providing social care services to adults with intellectual disabilities. Your support is appreciated.

## ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 22<sup>ND</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Saturday Vigil** Sam Power & Geraldine Little **Sun. 9am** Ann McWeeney & Shane Hartford **Sun 12noon** Billy Doyle

## ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</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 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH Richard Howard.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH Rose Forbes & Joe Collins



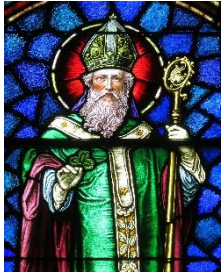
### LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of Lent has traditionally been referred to as ‘Laetare Sunday’, from the first Latin word of today’s Entrance Antiphon meaning ‘Rejoice’. As the priest wears pink vestments, the church reminds us to refresh ourselves with joy in the midst of our Lenten penance as we look forward to the happiness of Easter.

### GRATITUDE ON MOTHER’S DAY

On this Mother’s Day, the fourth Sunday of Lent annually, we thank God for all mothers. Here is *A Prayer for Mother’s Day* from the ‘Catholic Family Book of Prayers’:

*Thank you Lord, for all mothers. On this day let us think of them, whether they are with us or gone to their heavenly reward. We think of their kindness, their compassion, their care for us and all of their unconditional love. We pray through the intercession of Our Lady that You will watch over them and support them in the joys and struggles of their daily lives. Amen.*



### ST. PATRICK’S DAY:

We look forward to the solemnity of St. Patrick’s Day on Tuesday. There is no better way to celebrate St. Patrick than to attend Mass in his honour. **Masses will be at 9.00am and 12.00pm in Duleek, and at 10.00am in Bellewstown. There will also be a Vigil Mass on Monday evening at 7.00pm.** People are encouraged to wear shamrock to Mass and children especially are encouraged to wear a little bit of green as a nod to the patron saint of Ireland. Shamrock will be blessed at Masses as a reminder of how our great patron saint explained the Holy Trinity. *Guimis beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir.*

### ST. PATRICK’S DAY ON THE HILL OF SLANE

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal will host “Light the Fire 2026” in Slane on St. Patrick’s Day. At 5:15 pm on the Hill of Slane, there will be a reflection on the life of St. Patrick and Vespers. This will be followed by Holy Mass in St. Patrick’s Church (Slane) at 6.30pm, celebrated by Bishop Paul Connell, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to the place where St. Patrick lit the fire of faith for the first time in Ireland.



### FIRST CONFESSIONS:

Congratulations to all of the children who made their First Confession yesterday. 97 children from our five parish schools received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and were filled with the grace of God’s love and mercy. The children were excellently prepared by their parents and teachers. We pray for all of these children as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion this coming May. We hope that all of the children receiving the sacrament for the first time will always come to know the infinite love and forgiveness of God.

### SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH:

On Thursday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Gospels pay St. Joseph the highest compliment in calling him a “just” man, living his life by faith, seeking to do good in every concrete circumstance of life. We pray in a special way on this day for all fathers and husbands, that St. Joseph may intercede for them and grant them every grace and blessing.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Last Wednesday, our Parish Pastoral Council met and discussed various way to continue to support our parish. A review took place of our children’s Masses and the Confirmation ceremonies, as well as how Holy Week and Easter could be celebrated in our parish. The PPC would also like to thank all of those who made suggestions in our Suggestion Box, which are located halfway down our churches. Some of these suggestions have already been addressed, while the PPC is looking at ways to address others in the near future. The PPC would like to thank all of those who made suggestions, and encourage continued use of our Suggestion Boxes.

### Statement of the Irish Bishops’ Conference on peace in the Middle East:

“We join with Pope Leo XIV in calling on all parties involved to ‘assume the moral responsibility of halting the spiral of violence before it becomes an unbridgeable chasm’ (*Angelus*, 1 March 2026). As the Holy Father also noted in his recent address to diplomats, ‘All of this suffering, anxiety and fear reminds us how much the world needs to turn to God, who alone is peace.’” – *Irish Bishops’ Conference, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.*

