



# DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A

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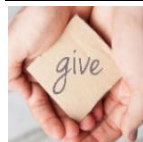
Parish Office Hours:  
Tuesday: 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 4.00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Fiona Fitzsimons, Month's Mind; Hilda Commons 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann; Patricia Dardis; John & Bridget Forbes; Freda Kirwan; John, Margaret & Angela McCann; Patrick & Bridget Naughton.
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Monica Shanley.
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Tom, Jack, Rose & Frances Collier.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Tony Callaghan.
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30am (Duleek)</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>9.30am (Bellewstown)</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper.</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death.</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b> Francis Flynn 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish.
	<b>10.00am (Bellewstown)</b>	Pat Brannigan M.M
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Etty Battersby; Thomas, Kathleen & Eamon Byrne; Barbara Heavey; Thomas & Maureen Nee.

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



SUNDAY MASS PLATE COLLECTION: €1,302.00  
 SHRINES: € 154.00  
 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 836.90  
**Duleek Parish Development: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61**



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### TO ASSIST AT THE MASSES

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**Holy Thursday 7:30pm** Joe Collins & Catriona Dillon **Good Friday 3pm** Rosemarie Reilly, Marina Nolan & Geraldine Potter Redmond  
**Holy Saturday 9pm** Catriona Dillon & Sam Power **Easter Sun. 9am** Una Doyle & Annette Murray  
**Easter Sun 12 noon** Geraldine Potter Redmond.

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TEAM C

**Holy Thursday 7.30pm** Paul Ryan; Liz Lynch; Denise Duff **Good Friday 3pm** Bryan O'Sullivan; Henry Clifford; Joe Martin.  
**Sat Easter Vigil 9pm** Sam Power; Rosemary Reilly **Easter Sun. 9am** Billy Doyle & William Maguire.  
**Easter Sun 12noon** Colm Heaney; Liz Lynch; Mairead Cromwell.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL Mary Howard.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL Joe Collins & Rose Forbes.

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*

*Prayers of the Faithful available for Ministers of the Word in the Sacristy.*



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH:** Azellie Mafalda Meireles.



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND:** Tom Maughan, Bellewstown

**Supporting Trócaire:** Please return your Trócaire Box to Mass on Holy Thursday. We pray for the work of Trócaire as they support the poorest of our world.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Coffee Morning** The Brodigan Family are hosting a Coffee Morning on Sunday 29th March in Duleek Courthouse from 11am-1pm. Raffle on the day. All proceeds will go to Motor Neurone Disease Association.

**Duleek Community First Responder Group Easter Raffle & Table Quiz.** Tickets on sale from all responders, from Haven Pharmacy & Duleek Dry Cleaners. Cost €2 each or a book of 6 for €10, draw takes place 2nd April. Table quiz in the Carranstown Lodge on Thurs 2nd April at 9pm, tables of 4 are €40.

**Cystic Fibrosis 10K Remembrance Run/Walk** on 26/04/2026 @ 2:00pm. Your support is very much appreciated.

## JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK

We look forward to celebrating together as a parish the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We invite you to attend the ceremonies and to grow in your personal relationship with God. We thank all of those who are helping to organize our ceremonies, especially the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, sacristans, church cleaners and musicians.



### **Holy Thursday: 2nd April**

10.00am: Morning Prayer

10:30am to 1:00pm & 3.00pm to 6.00pm: Confessions

**7:30pm: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Adoration at the Altar of Repose & Night Prayer until 11.00pm*

### **Good Friday: 3rd April**

*Day of Fasting and Abstinence*

10.00am: Morning Prayer

10:30am - 12:00pm: Confessions

**3.00pm: LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH**

6.00pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross (Bellewstown: around the racetrack)

8.00pm: Way of the Cross (Duleek)

### **Holy Saturday: 4th April**

10.00am: Morning Prayer

10:30am to 1:00pm & 4.00pm to 7.00pm: Confessions

**9.00pm: EASTER VIGIL MASS**

### **Easter Sunday: 5th April**

Holy Mass: Duleek: 9.00am & 12.00pm; Bellewstown: 10.00am

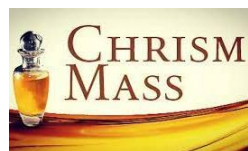
## **PALM SUNDAY**

This Palm Sunday, palms will be blessed at all Masses as we recall Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, a few days before His Crucifixion and death on the Cross. Feel free to take some palm home with you and to give to family and friends.



## **VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

As the First Friday this month falls on Good Friday, the priests of our parish will make the usual monthly visit to the sick on Monday of Holy Week. We pray for all of those who are sick and housebound at this time.



## **CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar. At this Mass, the priests of the diocese renew their priestly vows, and the Holy Oils to be used in our parish in the coming year are blessed. You are asked to pray for Fr Stephen and Fr Brendan as they renew their priestly vows. The Mass is open for all to attend and all parishioners from our parish are very welcome to participate.

## **HOLY THURSDAY**

On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm. This Mass focuses on the Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood, as well as the new commandment of love. The feet of twelve parishioners are washed by the priest, in memory of Jesus's washing of His Apostles' feet. At the end of the Mass, there is a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. There follows a period of prayer as we recall Our Lord's agony in Gethsamane. Night prayer is at 11.00pm.



## **GOOD FRIDAY – DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

On Good Friday, we unite ourselves to Jesus, who gives up His life for us on the Cross. The main liturgy takes place at 3.00pm, with the liturgy of the Lord's Passion. It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. There will be Stations of the Cross on Bellewstown racetrack at 6.00pm, and again in Duleek at 8.00pm. As usual on Good Friday a special collection will be taken for the support of the Christians in the Holy Land. Parishioners are encouraged to give generously to this Pontifical Collection, as Christians in the Holy Land are suffering very much the effects of the war at this time.



## **EASTER SUNDAY**

The Easter Vigil takes place at 9.00pm on Saturday evening. Into a darkened church, the new Easter candle will radiate the light of the Risen Christ. We will bless holy water and renew our baptismal vows. Our Easter Masses on Sunday will take place at the usual times. We will joyfully listen to the Easter readings and sing "Alleluia" as we celebrate the greatest news ever heard: that Christ is Risen from the dead.



## **SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY**

One of the best ways that we can prepare for Easter is by making a good Confession. The Church asks us to go to Confession at least once a year, especially at Easter time. Confessions will be available in our parish on Holy Thursday between 10:30am to 1:00pm & 3.00pm to 6.00pm, on Good Friday between 10:30am - 12:00pm, and on Holy Saturday between 10:30am to 1:00pm & 4.00pm to 7.00pm. This sacrament powerfully reconciles us to God and restores grace to our soul when we stray from loving God and others.