



DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

17TH MAY 2026

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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 4.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

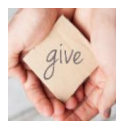
Saturday 10th May	7.00pm	Tommy Russell, Pat Molloy, Paddy & Anne O'Brien, Alice Murphy, Nancy Bradley, Kathleen Smith; Colin Rock; Danny Gallagher – month's mind.
Sunday 17th May The Ascension of the Lord	9.00am	Justine Monaghan
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Jack Collier; Kieran Cromwell – 8 th anniversary.
	12.00pm	Alicia & Patrick Carolan & dec. family; John Kavanagh – month's mind; Conor Dale O'Brien; James, Anna & Margaret Bennett.
Tuesday 19th May	9.30am	Donor intention.
Wednesday 20th May	9.30am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish.
Thursday 21st May	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Friday 22nd May St. Rita of Cascia	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Saturday 23rd May	10.00am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: BELLEWSTOWN N.S. <i>(in St. Therese's Church, Bellewstown)</i>
	12.00pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: DULEEK GIRLS N.S. <i>(in St. Cianan's Church, Duleek)</i>
	7.00pm	James Clinton; John, Mary, Ann Clinton
Sunday 24th May Solemnity of Pentecost	9.00am	William Ryan
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Lily & Mary Flood & dec. family; Daniel & Jessie Hanratty.
	12.00pm	Cepta Cudden; Christopher & Ivor Bell; Noel Kavanagh – 6 th anniversary.

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: € 1145.04

SHRINES (Duleek): € 154.96

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (last two weeks): € 1365.70

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 17TH & 24TH MAY

Saturday Vigil Sam Power & Geraldine Little **Sun. 9am** Noel Heeney & Alice White **Sun 12 noon** David McGuinness & Majella Armstrong

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 23RD & 24TH MAY 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 24TH MAY Brian Quinn

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 24TH MAY Una McGuinness & Sindy Nelson.

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Sunday 9th August. It is a beautiful day to spend in Knock during the height of the summer. Our parish office is now making a list of those interested, so as to be able to provide transport on the day. If interested please contact Caroline in Duleek Parish Office on 041-9823205) or email duleekparish@gmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion this weekend! This weekend, Duleek Boys, Mount Hanover and Cushinstown schools received the precious gift of Jesus in the Eucharist



for the first time. A total of 57 children celebrated their first reception of this sacrament. Thank you to all of the staff in our schools who prepared them for this day, and to all of the parents who prayed with the children and brought them to our “Sacramental Passport” Masses. Many thanks also to our cleaners who made the church look so beautiful, and to Jim and Rose in the sacristy. Bellewstown choir animated the liturgy with their beautiful singing at both ceremonies. At this Sunday’s Masses, we welcome all of the boys and girls once more – they can be seen wearing their Communion suits and dresses. Next Saturday 23rd May, we will celebrate the First Holy Communion of the children from Bellewstown school (10.00am in St. Therese’s Church) and Duleek Girls (12.00pm in St. Cianan’s Church). We pray for all of these children and their families. May these celebrations be a time of grace, joy, and deep encounter with the Risen Lord.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

Today is the Feast of the Ascension. It is a mystery of faith often forgotten or not talked about. The Ascension marks the risen Christ’s return to heaven, and His departing wish for us to bring the Christian message to the ends of the earth. As we mark Ascension day, the Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day. We all have a message of hope to communicate to the world. We are tasked in the Ascension mandate with communicating the good news of Jesus to the ends of the earth. On this, the 60th anniversary of World Communications Day, Pope Leo in his

message emphasises the importance of human dignity in this new age of Artificial Intelligence.



HOLY CROSS CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Cemetery Sunday is only a few weeks away now, and parishioners are once again invited to come to pray for their loved ones as each of the graves will be blessed. We would be grateful if those attending to family graves take home any materials that are being removed.

Parts of our cemeteries need to be constantly cleaned, as weeds grow and others areas suffer neglect. For this reason, a team of volunteers are actively working to tidy up Holy Cross Cemetery over the coming weeks, and are inviting new volunteers to join. They will gather in Holy Cross Cemetery on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.00pm for all of the weeks leading up to Cemetery Sunday, and give special attention to those graves that have no one to look after them. Why not give something back to our parish community by joining them? Everyone's efforts to keep the cemetery neat and a befitting sacred burial ground for the faithful departed are greatly appreciated.

CEMETERY SUNDAY DATES: Saturday 6th June

5.00pm: Crossmacole Cemetery

8.00pm: St. Mary’s Abbey

Sunday 7th June

1.00pm: Holy Cross & Good Shepherd Cemeteries

BLESSING OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AFTER BELLEWSTOWN MASS

As this is the month of May, the month of Our Lady, in which we start to enjoy the first rays of sunshine of the summer, there will be a short ‘Blessing of the Countryside’ after Mass next Sunday morning in Bellewstown. We continue to thank God for the world in which we live, our farmers, and all who care for the land.

Mary, Queen of the May, pray for us.



YOUNG MEN’S YOUTH GROUP

Over the past few weeks, parishioners may have seen a group of young men praying the Rosary together in St. Cianan’s Church after weekend Masses. These young men from our parish are seeking to grow in their faith, and would like to invite any young men between the ages of 18 and 35 to come to pray with them. A monthly meeting is also being organised, in which the young men experience fellowship through prayer, and receive catechesis from one of our priests. We pray for all of the youth of our parish, and ask God to fill them with His graces and blessing. For more information, contact Podge: 083-1693354 / Ben: 089-4229194.

