



DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY - YEAR A

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th September Memorial of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta	7.00pm	Tom & Mary Bohan; Baby Aaron Connell Cudden; James Dorey & dec family; Joan & Helga Lowthe; Bridget Tiernan; Tony & Margaret Tunney.
Sunday 6th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	People of the Parish.
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	James Black - month's mind; Tony Flynn & dec. family; Brendan Molloy; Joseph Whearty.
	12.00pm	Thomas O'Reilly & dec. family.
Tuesday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Wednesday 9th September	9.30am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish.
Thursday 10th September	9.30am	Kit Johnson & dec. family.
Friday 11th September	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Saturday 12th September Memorial St Ailbe, Bishop	4.00pm (Bellewstown)	200 th anniversary of Bellewstown school
	7.00pm	Joe, Rosaleen & Bing Crosby; Paddy Molloy; Dan & Alice Murphy; Deceased Murphy & Coleman families.
Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	People of the Parish.
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish.
	12.00pm	Esther Battersby; Paddy Connell & dec. family; Nicholas Dowling; Josie Sherlock.

ADORATION & EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION		
	St. Cieran's, Duleek	Bellewstown
Tuesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm	
Wednesday		8.30am - 9.30am
Saturday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION		
	St. Cieran's, Duleek	Bellewstown
Saturday	6.00pm - 7.00pm	
Sunday		10.45am - 11.15am



SUNDAY MASS PLATE COLLECTION: € 1,212.60
 SHRINES (Duleek): € 162.40
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 6TH & 13TH SEPT

Saturday Vigil Sam Power & Geraldine Little **Sun. 9am** Noel Heeney & Alice White **Sun 12 noon** Billy Doyle

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 12TH & 13TH SEPT - TEAM B

Sat Vigil 7pm Ann Marie Dardis; Marina Nolan; Frank Ryan **Sun. 9am** Monina McAlister; Ann McDonnell; Gillian Duffy.
Sun 12noon Henry Clifford; Una McGuinness; Olga Hunt.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD SUNDAY 13TH SEPT Brian Quinn

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 13TH SEPT Una McGuinness & Sindy Nelson

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection will be held on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September before all Masses. **Bellewstown** will host the National Hospice Coffee Morning on Thursday 24th of September 2026 in Bellewstown Parish Hall from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Coffee & cake €5; Raffle 2 lines €5. Anyone wishing to donate a prize or give a donation, please contact Linda Donnelly 086-8450339, Paula Townley 086-0842619 or Kate Whearty 085-70688373. Every Euro raised goes directly to East Meath Hospice.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027

Many children of our parish will now begin their preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Parents, the parish and the schools all work together in order to ensure that these are prayerful and joyful occasions for the children. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children to Holy Mass every Sunday, as well as assisting the children in learning their prayers and growing in their faith. This week, our priests wrote to parents of children who are due to receive these sacraments in the coming year. Parents with children in our parish schools are asked to read the letter and to enrol their child in the preparatory program. Enrolment Forms for the children receiving these Sacraments will be distributed after all Masses from this weekend, and can also be collected from the parish office.

These forms are to be returned at the enrolment Masses which will take place on the following dates:

First Holy Communion Enrolment Ceremony: Tuesday 6th October 7.30pm, St Cianán's, Duleek.

Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony: Thursday 8th October 7.00pm, St Cianán's, Duleek.

We wish all the children and their parents every blessing as they prepare to receive these Sacraments!

DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2027

First Confession:

Saturday 13th March 2027: 10.00am – 3.00pm (one-hour slots for each school)

First Holy Communion:

Saturday 15th May: 10.00am: Duleek Boys NS

12.00pm: Mount Hanover NS & Cushinstown NS

Saturday 22nd May: 10.00am: Bellewstown NS

12.00pm: Duleek Girls NS

Sacrament of Confirmation: Monday 8th March 2027

10.00am: Duleek Boys NS, Bellewstown NS & Cushinstown NS.

12.00pm: Duleek Girls NS & Mount Hanover NS.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

This Wednesday evening, our Parish Pastoral Council will meet in order to discuss pastoral initiatives for the coming year. Members gathered at this first meeting of the new term will look at ways to continue to contribute to the ongoing development

of pastoral initiatives in Duleek parish. We thank all those who volunteer on the PPC and help our priests with decision making, planning and pastoral care.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting on Thursday at 6.00pm of the Parish Finance Committee.

At the meeting, there will be a review the parish's current financial position, as well as discussion on upcoming expenses and priorities, and plans for the months ahead. The committee will also consider how best to steward our resources in support of parish life and ministry. We ask for your continued prayers and support as this important work is undertaken.



BELLEWSTOWN SCHOOL 200TH ANNIVERSARY

To mark 200 years of education in Bellewstown, a special Mass will take place on **Saturday, 12th September at 4.00pm in St Thérèse's Church, Bellewstown.** Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We congratulate Ciaran Kenny & Catriona Brannigan who recently got married in St Thérèse's Church, Bellewstown. May the Lord fill your home with peace and love.



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for Dymphna Flynn, Rudder, Bellewstown and Angela Fay, Millrace, Duleek, who passed away earlier this week. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.