



DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

4TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY - YEAR A

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3 rd October	7.00pm	Jim McMahon 1 st Ann; Michael & James McMahon; Maureen Bennett; Billy, Áine, Patricia & Mary Rose O’Connor; Luke, Mona & Anthony Sharkey; Mary Woods.
Sunday 4 th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	People of the Parish.
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Dympna Flynn M.M; Terry Kearns & dec family.
	12.00pm	Jim & Frances O’Neill; Michael Reid; Bernadette & Tommy Rooney.
Tuesday 6 th October Memorial: St Bruno	9.30am	Paul Amaral – 1st anniversary.
Wednesday 7 th October Memorial: Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish.
Thursday 8 th October	9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday 9 th October Memorial: St John Henry Newman	9.30am	People of the Parish
Saturday 10 th October	7.00pm	Joe & Mary Bird; Niko & Nelly Coleman; John & Julia Byrne; Mary Clarke & dec. Clarke & Lynch families; Michael & Anthony Herron; Buddy McAuley; Margaret Molloy; John O’Brien.
Sunday 11 th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Myles Snr, Eva, Sean, Myles Jnr, Colin & Maureen Byrne & dec family; Christina Clinton & dec family.
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Pat Flynn.
	12.00pm	Michael Curran.

ADORATION & EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION			SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION		
	St. Cianan’s, Duleek	Bellewstown		St. Cianan’s, Duleek	Bellewstown
Tuesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm		Saturday	6.00pm – 7.00pm	
Wednesday		8.30am - 9.30am	Sunday		10.45am – 11.15am
Saturday	5.00pm – 6.00pm				

	SUNDAY MASS PLATE COLLECTION:		€ 1,108.02
	SHRINES (Duleek):		€ 128.00
	Fleming Fund collection for sick & retired priests:		€ 1,218.98
	PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND:		€ 697.60
		If you prefer to use this QR just scan your phone over it.	

TO ASSIST AT THE MASSES

ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 4TH & 11TH OCT

Saturday Vigil Rosemary Reilly & Lorraine Noone **Sun. 9am** Declan & Freddie Murray
Sun 12 noon Lily Murray & John Heeney

ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 10TH & 11TH OCT - 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 11TH OCT Bernadette McGuinness

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 11TH OCT Sindy Nelson & Una McGuinness

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Church gate collection in aid of Pro-life Trust will take place on 10th & 11th October at all Masses.

At the **Bellewstown National Hospice Coffee Morning**, a total of €3,980 was raised, all of which goes directly to East Meath Hospice. Thanks to everyone for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASSES

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. Enrolment Forms for the children receiving these Sacraments can still be collected after all Masses this weekend. These forms are to be returned at the enrolment Masses which will take place this coming week in St. Cianan’s Church, Duleek. Children will receive their Sacramental Passports at these Masses.

First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass: Tuesday 6th October 7.30pm

Confirmation Enrolment Mass: Thursday 8th October 7.00pm.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Across the Diocese of Meath it is Safeguarding Sunday. As a diocese, and with parishes as a constituent, we endeavour always to create a safe and secure place for children in our parish activities. Here in Duleek we have many children who take part in our monthly children’s choir on a Saturday evening. We have a safeguarding policy which is available from the parish office, and we have various procedures in place. Our parish safeguarding representatives are Pdraig Byrne and Ann McDonnell. Our parish endeavours always to create a safe and secure place for children in our parish activities. We thank parishioners who help us to be vigilant around safeguarding and volunteers who help us in our ministry to children.

REPAIR OF GATES IN ST. CIANAN’S CHURCH

Last week, the gates outside St. Cianan’s Church were removed. These gates were in a very poor state and in great need of repair. Over the next few weeks, the gates will be shotblasted, painted and powder-coated. This will help to future-proof them, and so to improve the aesthetics of the church grounds. Part of the funding for this project will be provided for by a grant from the Gillinstown Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund 2026. Fr Stephen would like to thank the finance committee and all of those involved in helping to get these works done.



800 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Today, October 4th, is the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis. He lived a life devoted to poverty, humility, and service, leaving a lasting spiritual legacy from his birth in 1182 to his death in 1226. Born in Assisi, Francesco di Bernardone grew up in a wealthy merchant family. In his youth, he lived a carefree life but underwent a spiritual transformation that led him to embrace poverty and simplicity, He founded the Franciscan Order, dedicating himself to serving the poor, preaching, and following Christ’s teachings. Renowned for his love of nature and animals, he saw all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. His piety and humility attracted followers, inspiring them to live in imitation of Christ’s example.

PRAYER FOR PEACE BY ST FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During this month of October we remember the beauty of praying the Rosary. In the Rosary we learn the discipline of contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary, and we invoke the Lord’s intercession for the needs of the world. During this month we are encouraged to make an extra effort to pray the rosary and to appreciate it’s traditional power and beauty. The Rosary is recited in St. Cianan’s Church on weekdays before the 9.30am Mass. We thank all those who lead the Rosary apostolate.



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We congratulate Kyle Carroll & Georgiana Ianc who got married this weekend in St Cianán’s Church, Duleek. May the Lord fill your home with peace and love.

