

DULEEK-BELLEWSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

29TH NOVEMBER 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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Tuesday: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 4.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th November	**7.00pm**	Kay Mason M.M; Emmett Lynch 1st Ann; Mary Clarke; Michael Boyle; Peg Connor; Georgina Crosby; Conor Hickey; Patrick, Noel & John Gough & dec family; Phyllis Moore; Jim & Rosa Murray; Anne Sheridan.
Sunday 29th November First Sunday of Advent	**9.00am**	People of the Parish.
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	People of the Parish.
	12.00pm	Mick Herron 1st Ann; David Brennan; Nicola Dowling.
Tuesday 1st December	**9.30am**	Laurence, Ita & Oliver McDonnell.
Wednesday 2nd December	**9.30am (Bellewstown)**	Teresa Maughan.
Thursday 3rd December Memorial: St Francis Xavier	**9.30am**	People of the Parish.
Friday 4th December First Friday: Sacred Heart	**9.30am**	Parish List of the Dead.
Saturday 5th December First Saturday: Our Lady	**10.00am**	Lockie O'Sullivan.
	7.00pm	Rhona & Ciaran Healy; Dick, Cepta, James & Claire Lenehan ; James & Catherine Lynch & dec family; Margaret, John & Angela McCann.
Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent	**9.00am**	Paddy & Kathleen Joyce & dec family.
	10.00am (Bellewstown)	Tara McGuinness.
	12.00pm	Kevin, Rena, Eamonn & Patrick Andrews; Mary & Patrick Andrews; Cepta Cudden; Peter Finnegan; Edward & Kathleen Geraghty; Baby Darragh McGarry; Maureen Nee; John, Kathleen & Johnny Reilly; Paul Wright.

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:	€ 1,202.74
SHRINES (Duleek):	€ 174.84
SHRINES (Bellewstown):	€ 492.35
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND:	€ 1,218.00

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TO ASSIST AT THE MASSES ***All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass***

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD 29TH NOV & 6TH DEC
Saturday Vigil Rosemary Reilly & Lorraine Noone ***Sun. 9am*** Aileen Crosby & Emily Maguire
Sun 12 noon Billy Doyle

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 5TH & 6TH DEC - TEAM B
Sat Vigil 7pm Ann Marie Dardis; Marina Nolan; Frank Ryan ***Sun. 9am*** Monina McAllister; Ann McDonnell; Gillian Duffy.
Sun 12noon Henry Clifford; Una McGuinness; Olga Hunt.

ST. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD SUNDAY 6TH DEC Bernadette McGuinness
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 6TH DEC Sindy Nelson & Rose Forbes

THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Kodi John Ryan.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Annual Christmas Appeal Church gate collection will take place outside all churches on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December.



CELEBRATING ADVENT 2026

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the first day of the new liturgical calendar year. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus", meaning "coming". It refers to the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ at His birth on Christmas Day. The four weeks are a time of spiritual preparation and renewal, in anticipation of the birth of the Baby Jesus. Our churches and schools have Advent wreaths to help us reflect on the meaning of Our Saviour's birth. This weekend, the first purple candle is lit on our Advent wreath in our churches, and the wreath is blessed. The first candle represents "hope" and reminds us that we are to place our hope in Jesus as we prepare for His Coming. We can also light an Advent Wreath in our own homes, pray the Angelus together, and have an Advent Calendar to count down the days of Advent.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR ADVENT



There is an Advent Online Calendar produced by the Irish bishops. Behind each virtual door of the calendar, there is content aimed at assisting prayer and reflection in preparation for Christmas. It is available at: www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar. The Meath Diocesan Resource Team have also prepared some Advent resources for use for families, which can be found at: www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pastoral-resources-1



FIRST FRIDAY MASS & VISITATION TO THE SICK

This coming Friday is the first Friday of the month. Holy Mass will be celebrated for all of those on our parish list of the dead. Holy Communion will be brought to the sick members of our parish. If there are any parishioners who are sick and would like a priest to visit, please contact the parish office. Parishioners are also reminded that our priests are very happy to visit anyone who may be in hospital.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



There will be Holy Mass on Saturday 5th December at 10.00am, as we continue to celebrate morning Mass on the first Saturday of the month. At 9.30am, there will be the Holy Rosary and Confessions. The Five First Saturdays devotion was given by Our Lady when she appeared in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The devotion consists of: 1. Going to Confession; 2. Receiving Holy Communion; 3. Praying the Rosary; 4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.



BELLEWSTOWN CAROL SERVICE

"Carols by Candlelight" will take place in St. Thérèse's Church, Bellewstown on Sunday 20th December at 7.00pm. It will be an evening of sacred music and reflection in preparation for Christmas. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Bellewstown Hall. All are welcome.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING AUDIT 2026



A meeting of our parish safeguarding representatives took place last Friday in order to complete the annual safeguarding audit. Our parish safeguarding representatives are Ann McDonnell and Padraig Byrne. At this meeting, the members completed the annual parish safeguarding audit and reviewed procedures in our parish. Our parish endeavours always to create a safe and secure place for children in our parish activities. We are grateful to all the volunteers whose ministry involves children and young people. If anyone has any concern, or any historical anxiety around any issue concerning them or anyone else, help should be sought. The Designated Liaison Persons for our diosese are Marie O Sullivan and Marie Willoughby.



EVENING MASS EVERY TUESDAY OF ADVENT

During the four weeks of Advent, there will be an evening Mass every Tuesday in St. Cianan's Church at 7.10pm. This will take place immediately after Eucharistic Adoration, which takes place every Tuesday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Parishioners who may be unable to attend weekday Mass at 9.30am due to work or family commitments, are warmly invited to come to evening Mass once a week on the Tuesdays of Advent, as a spiritual preparation for the coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas.

CHILDEN'S WEEKDAY MASS



Last Thursday, a children's Mass took place in St. Cianan's Church at 10.30am. The children were from 2nd class and 6th class, from Duleek Boys, Duleek Girls and Mount Hanover. They learned how to pray for our deceased during the month of November. We pray for all children due to receive Holy Communion and Confirmation next year.