



NEWSLETTER *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C*

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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28TH NOVEMBER 2021

Caroline Doyle
The Parish Office
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Tuesday to Thursday
10am – 5pm

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday **7:30pm** George & Della Crawley; Georgina Crosby; Peg Connor; Conor Hickey; Patrick, Noel & John Gough.

Sunday **9am** John, Emily & Liam Maguire.

12noon Ciaran Healy 1st Ann; Rhona Healy; Edward & Kathleen Geraghty; Jim Lenehan.

Tuesday **10am** Joe & Maureen Monaghan **followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 12noon and resumes from 6-7pm**

Wednesday **10am**

Thursday **10am**

First Friday **10am** Parish List of the Dead

Saturday **7:30pm** Michael, Anne, Pat & Eamon Griffin; Michael Halligan; Michael & Anthony Herron; Anne Sheridan.

Sunday **9am** Myles (snr) Byrne & Dec Family; Paddy, Kathleen, John & Mary Joyce.

12noon James Lynch 1st Ann; Dec Lynch Family; Maureen Nee; Paul Wright;

Thomas, Margaret, Charles, Rosemary & Willie Ryan;

Confessions on Saturdays 6:30pm - 7pm

First Friday Communion Calls by
Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony to the sick
and housebound will take place
this Tuesday 30th November

ST. THÉRÈSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday **10am** John & Brid Lenehan.

Wednesday **9am** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am.

Sunday **10am** Josephine Green; Elizabeth, Jack & Anthony McKeown.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday **11am** Tuesday/Thursday/Friday **9:15am**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday **6:30pm**



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 957.26
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): € 998.25
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 28TH NOVEMBER & 5TH DECEMBER

Sat. 7:30pm Cathy Cawley Sun. 9am Declan & Freddie Murray Sun. 12 noon David McGuinness & Majella Armstrong.

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 4TH & 5TH NOV - TEAM C

Sat. 7.30pm Fergal White; Rosemary Reilly; Jackie Lyons; Debbie O'Sullivan Sun. 9am Billy Doyle; William Maguire; Pat Shanley.

12noon Damian Quinn; Colm Heeney; Liz Lynch; Mairead Cromwell.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 5TH DEC Mary Duff MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Rose Forbes & Joe Collins

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY Bella Jane Rooney.



CONFIRMATION 2022 As the children enrol this week to become candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation we seek God's blessing upon them and keep them and their families in our prayers.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Duleek Christmas Fair Sunday 28th November has been cancelled. As always this community event puts the wellbeing of volunteers, stallholders and the general public first. The committee would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

Duleek Bellewstown Active Retirement – due to high cases of Covid 19 all meetings, activities and outings have been cancelled until the New Year.

Duleek Meals on Wheel urgently require volunteer cooks and drivers for 1 day a fortnight from 9am -12 (cooks) 11.30am -12.30 (drivers) either Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

087-0931068

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The national church gate collection takes place next weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

ACCORD

For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling www.accord.ie

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website www.dioceseofmeath.ie



ADVENT This weekend the new Liturgical Year of the Church begins, as do our preparations for Christmas. Let us focus more on the gift of faith and less on the gifts we worry and fret about buying! Make the time for lighting an Advent Wreath at home each day or for opening the doors on the Advent Calendar as we count down to Jesus' birthday. Pause and pray the Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of love and salvation. Think more of the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2021! Also you are welcome, to join with Fr. Anthony for a

Holy Hour in St. Cianán's 5-6pm on the Sunday evenings of Advent. It can be especially interesting for families to come to pray before Jesus in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as we prepare to celebrate his birthday. Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet every Tuesday from 9-9:30pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. To join in please email your request by lunch time Tuesday to duleekparish@gmail.com and a link will be forward to you. Just have a bible handy to aid your participation. We encourage young adults to join in and explore a little more the Word of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the Word of God made incarnate in Christ Jesus.

Please help decorate our parish JESSE TREES. To make the Jesse Tree ornaments you will need: glue; ribbon or yarn (preferably purple); and crayons, markers, paints or coloured pencils, and cardboard stock to create paper background for the ornaments. The symbols may be decorated with bits and pieces of bright coloured paper, cloth, wood, etc., that you may find around your home. You will also need a Bible. If there are very small children in the family, a Bible picture story book will help them understand the Bible stories used. We will use the Tree of Memory in the churches and turn it into our Jesse Tree. Before making a symbol first read with your parents or grandparents the Bible verses relating to the symbol. This will help you think of ways to illustrate your Bible verse. Use lots of creativity in making your symbol! You can use pictures from magazines or old cards. Or draw pictures or symbols yourself. Colour them with crayons, pencils, markers or paint. Look around the house for bits and pieces that will make your design more beautiful!

JESSE TREE Bible verses and suggested symbols Advent Week 2 Moses: Ex. 2:1-10 *Symbols:* **burning bush, Passover Lamb, two tablets of stone Samuel:** 1 Sam. 3:1-18 *Symbol:* **lamp, crown Jesse:** 1 Sam. 16:1-13 *Symbol:* **shepherd's staff David:** 1 Sam. 17:12-51 *Symbol:* **harp, 6-pointed star Solomon:** 1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28 *Symbol:* **temple tower**



Bring your symbols to Mass next week when Fr. Mark and Fr. Anthony will invite you to hang them on the Jesse Tree.



It is not something that everyone gets to celebrate, so on behalf of all in our parish faith community we extend our very best wishes and congratulations to Séanie Lane, our brilliant sacristan in St. Cianán's. May God bless him abundantly with joy and health as he embraces another decade of life!



THE ADORATION APOSTOLATE in our parish invites everyone who has the time to commit to an hour or even a half hour every Tuesday to praying before the Blessed Sacrament, as they relaunch the Adoration Apostolate. Amid all that is going on, consider giving this sacred time to the Lord, praying in thanksgiving for all we have received and seeking blessings for those in our community who need healing or graces to cope with life at this time. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows 10am Mass until 12noon and resumes from 6-7pm every Tuesday in St. Cianán's, Duleek.*



Last Monday a professional deep clean was completed in St. Cianán's church and we hope we got any cobwebs way up high! A few weeks back we sought the assistance of some volunteers to help out with a regular cleaning of church. No one volunteered! Now that the heavy work is done we need a few willing volunteers, anyone who can give a little time every week or fortnight to a quick dusting and hoovering. If you could help out please contact Caroline in the Parish Office or Fr. Mark.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS & OFFERING ENVELOPES are now ready for distribution and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Could all who help as distributors call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday this week.

VESTMENTS FOR MASS If anyone would ever like to make a donation for the purchase of new vestments, linen cloths, etc. it is always appreciated, as over time such items are purchased for the liturgical celebrations in our churches. Thanks to parishioners who assist our sacristans with the laundering and preparing things for our weekly liturgies.

WELCOME, FÁILTE, E KABO to Bishop John Akinkumi Oyejola Fr. Anthony's bishop. We hope the weather won't be too cold for his visit and that he has a blessed and enjoyable stay in our faith community. Don't be shy in saying hello when you see him!

