



NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C*

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

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19TH DECEMBER 2021



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

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Eileen McGuinness M.M.; dec. Brodigan family; Seamus, Patricia & John Dardis; Johnny Lenehan; Harry O'Connor; Jennifer, Delia, Jim & Celia Murray & dec. Murray & Cunnane Family.

Sunday 9am Elizabeth Burke; Michael Mimna; John O'Brien; Tom & Agnes Potter; Matthew & Lil Redmond.

10:30 am – 11:30am *Confessions for Christmas*

12noon Kieran Cromwell; Jimmy & Anthony Cudden; Cyril Fleming; John & Margaret Fleming; Collette & Eddie Kent; Patricia Russell; Oliver Synnott.

Tuesday 10am Larry, Rose & Margaret Duff; dec. Keelan family; Elizabeth Jenkinson; Bernie Lanigan; Patrick O'Neill; Donor's Intention **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 12noon and resumes from 6-7pm**

Wednesday 10am Margaret Gough; Anthony, Rose, Mickey, Colm and Kieran Rooney; Eithne McDonald.

Thursday 10am

Christmas Eve 5pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)* **9pm** *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

Christmas Day 9am *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)* **12noon** *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

St. Stephen's Day (*Feast of the Holy Family*) **9am** *Missa pro populo* **12noon** Chrissie Clinton

Confessions for Christmas will continue in St. Cianán's Duleek on Christmas Eve 11-12noon

ST. THÉRÈSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10am Vera & Leslie Ball; May & Claire Brannigan & dec family; Maureen Collier; John Hickey; Jim Ludlow.

Wednesday 9am

Christmas Eve 7pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

Christmas Day 10am *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

St. Stephen's Day **10am** Tommy Arnold; Elizabeth & Patrick Brannigan & dec. family; dec. Mulvaney & O'Brien families; Larry & Christine O'Brien & dec. family.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 1,221.65
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): € 787.20
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TO ASSIST AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 24TH & 25TH DECEMBER

Christmas Eve 5pm David Doyle. *9pm* Catriona Dillon

Christmas Day. 9am Rosie Hartford & Geraldine Potter Redmond. *12 noon* Marina Nolan & Ann Marie Maughan

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 24TH & 25TH DECEMBER

Christmas Eve 5pm Debbie O'Sullivan; Rosemary Reilly; Thelma Tuohy; Susan Gleeson. *9pm* Colm Heeney; Sam Power; Damian Quinn; Monina McAlister

Christmas Day 9am Ann McDonnell; John McWeeney; Pat Shanley; Billy Doyle. *12 noon* Marina Nolan; Paul Ryan; Joe Martin;

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 24TH DEC. Bridie Branigan **25TH DEC.** Yvonne Cross

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 24TH DEC. Joe Collins & Rose Forbes; **25TH DEC.** Monica Cross & Una McGuinness.

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND

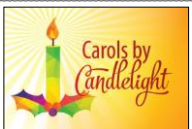
ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 26TH DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY

Sat. 7:30pm Sam Power & Angela Cain. *Sun. 9am* Una Doyle & Pat Shanley. *Sun. 12 noon* Maria Nestor & Kate McGuinness.

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 26TH DEC. - TEAM C

Sun. 9am Billy Doyle; William Maguire; Pat Shanley. *12noon* Damian Quinn; Colm Heeney; Liz Lynch; Mairead Cromwell.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 26TH DEC. Richard Howard **MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Joe Collins & Ciaran De Barra.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT takes place in St. Therésé's, Bellewstown this Sunday 19th December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas. As a consequence of the renewed concern with regard to the spread of Covid this service will also be broadcast. Please check www.duleekbellewstownparish.com and click on the link.



ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WE CONGRATULATE:
Leona Crosby & Robert Bissett

First Friday Communion Calls Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony will visit the sick and housebound this Monday 20th December



The windows on the Advent Calendar will soon all be opened; the Jesse Tree is complete; the Cribs all set up; the countdown is almost over, everything is ready; school and work will soon pause for holidays; our thoughts are more focused on our families celebrating the gift of Life and remembering those with God in Heaven. Gathering to honour the nativity of Our Saviour let us give thanks to God and count our blessings!



Christmas - a time of faith, hope and love! For most of us it is a happy time but in prayer we support those who have to cope with illness or other tough concerns. Know that God is with you - Emmanuel; Christ the Lord. A sincere word of thanks to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society and to all volunteers who so generously contribute to making Christmas a little less stressed and a lot happier for those most in need in our community. I also want to thank the many parishioners who assist with the pastoral, spiritual and financial needs of our parish, especially with looking after the churches, helping at the Masses, sharing in the work at the parish office, the parish grounds, the cemeteries and in the parish schools throughout the year. Special greetings to those home for Christmas and to new parishioners spending their first Christmas with us here in Duleek and Bellewstown. It has been such a difficult time with the on-going pandemic so let us be careful and respectful of one another by observing the Covid prevention guidelines and keep safe over the Christmas. May the Light of Christ, also bring consolation for those mourning the death of loved ones since last Christmas. Assuring you of our prayers and wishing you and your families, peace and joy as you celebrate our Saviour's birthday. Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony.

LAST WEEK OF ADVENT You are welcome to join us this last Sunday of Advent for a Holy Hour in St. Cianán's from 5-6pm. Seek the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing which God freely offers by celebrating confession. It is not necessary about saying anything, as God knows all, but humbly receiving the merciful love of God who unconditionally pardons our sins and rejoices in our being renewed in His abundant grace! On Christmas Eve gather the family for prayer at the family crib, then light a candle or use the "safer battery one" and place it in the window or porch of the house as a sign of welcome to Our Lady & St. Joseph and a symbol of hospitality to those in need in our world of Christmas 2021.



This episode (Gospel of Lk. 1:39-44) helps us to interpret the mystery of man's encounter with God in a very special light. An encounter that is not characterized by astonishing miracles, but rather, is characterized by *faith* and *charity*. Indeed, Mary is blessed because she believed: the encounter with God is the fruit of faith. Zechariah, however, who doubted and did not believe, was left deaf and dumb. To grow in faith during the long silence: without faith one remains inevitably deaf to the consoling voice of God; and incapable of speaking words of consolation and hope to our brothers and sisters. We see it every day: when people who have no faith, or who have very little faith, have to approach a person who is suffering, they speak words suited to the occasion, but they do not manage to touch the heart because they have no strength. They have no strength because they have no faith, and if they have no faith they do not find the words that can touch others' hearts. Faith, in its turn, is nourished by *charity*. The Evangelist recounts that "Mary arose and went with haste" (v. 39) to Elizabeth: with haste, not with distress, not anxiously, but with haste, in peace. "She arose": a gesture full of concern. She could have stayed at home to prepare for the birth of her son, but instead she takes care of others before herself, showing through her deeds that she is already a disciple of that Lord whom she carries in her womb. The event of Jesus' birth began in this way, with a simple gesture of charity; after all, authentic charity is always the fruit of God's love. *Pope Francis, Angelus, St. Peter's Square, December 2018*



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. Amid all that is going on, consider giving 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.**

