NEWSLETTER *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C* 5TH DECEMBER 2021

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH
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Tuesday to Thursday
10am – 5pm

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

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

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;

Tuesday **10am** Rose & Patrick Brennan; Lockie O'Sullivan **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 12noon and resumes from 6-7pm**

Wednesday **10am** Missa pro populo

Thursday **10am** John, Mary & Ann Clinton; Paddy & Rose Hopkins.

Friday **10am**

Saturday **7:30pm** Nora Barry; Mary Clarke; Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher & Dec Brodigan Family; Noel McAree.

Sunday **9am** John Dardis.

12noon Patrick & Mary Andrews; Kevin, Eamon, Rena & Patrick Andrews; Cepta Cudden; Joey Egan & Dec Family; Richard, Cepta, James & Claire Lenehan ; Baby Darragh McGarry ; Peg & Aidan Seary.

Confessions on Saturdays 6:30pm - 7pm

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

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

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

Sunday **10am** Marie Martin M.M; Margaret Hampson 1st Ann; Dec Flood Family.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

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

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday **6:30pm**

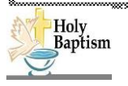
MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 1,121,50
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): € 830.30
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND ***All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass***

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 12TH & 19TH DECEMBER
Sat. 7:30pm Patricia McGlone *Sun. 9am* Ann McWeeney & Shane Hartford *Sun. 12 noon* Aoibh Collier & Olivia Woods.

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 11TH & 12TH DEC - TEAM A
Sat. 7.30pm Caroline Doyle; Susan Gleeson; Thelma Touhy; Frank Mckeon *Sun. 9am* John McWeeney, Richard Bowden, Joan Gilmore.
12noon Joe Martin; Bryan O'Sullivan; Stephen McKee; Paul Ryan.

ST. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 12TH DEC Aoife Harris MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Ciaran De Barra & Rose Forbes



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY Rhea Cray; Megan Udall.

INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND:
Oliver McDonnell, The Hill of Down, brother of John McDonnell, Duleek; David Brennan, Stameen, Drogheda.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 As the children enrol this week to become candidates for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion we seek God's blessing upon them and keep them and their families in our prayers.

ST PAULS MISSAL 2022 are now available for all Minister of the Word (readers) to collect in Duleek & Bellewstown. Please collect from Séanie in Duleek sacristy or Bridie in Bellewstown sacristy.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
087-0931068
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
The national church gate collection takes place this 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 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.

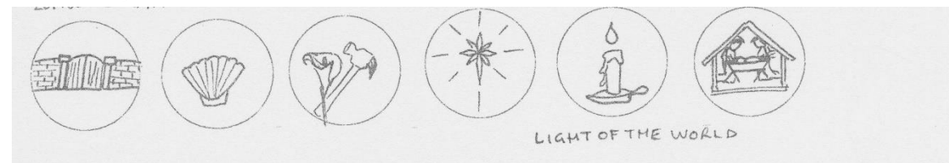
PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS & OFFERING ENVELOPES are now ready for distribution and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Could all who help as distributors please call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday this week.

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses next weekend the 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday!

*"The Nativity Scene is the suggestive place where we contemplate **Jesus**, who having **assumed our wretchedness**, invites us to do likewise through our **acts of mercy**." Pope Francis*

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 3 ***Jesus is Wisdom:*** Sirach or Ecclesiasticus 24:2; Wisdom 8:1 *Symbol:* **oil lamp.** ***Joseph:*** Matt. 1:18-25 *Symbol*: **hammer.** ***Mary***: Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38 *Symbol*: **lily.** ***John the Baptist:*** Mark 1:1-8 *Symbol:* **shell with water.** ***Jesus is Lord:*** Ex. 3:2; 20:1 *Symbols:* **burning bush.** ***Jesus is Flower of Jesse***: Isaiah 11:1-3 *Symbols:* **flower.** ***Jesus is Key of David***: Isaiah 22:22 *Symbols:* **key.** ***Jesus is the Radiant Dawn:*** Psalm 19:6-7 (in older Bibles this will be Psalm 18) *Symbols:* **sun rising.** ***Jesus is King of the Gentiles*:** Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20 *Symbols*: **crown** ***Jesus is Emmanuel*:** Isaiah 7:14; 33:22 *Symbols:* **chalice and host.** *Jesus is Light of the World*: John 1:1-14 *Symbols*: **candle**



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

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.*** *Adoration in St. Therese's Bellewstown will cease on Wednesday 8th December and recommence in the New Year on 12th January.*

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS Drogheda Holy Hour for Christmas will take place in St Mary's Church on Friday 10th December at 7pm, all welcome. This event will also be live -streamed wwwstmarysdrogheda.ie/live-stream.aspx