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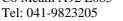
# **DULEEK PARISH** WITH DONORE PARISH

PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

Fr. Mark English P.P. Fr. Declan Kelly C.C. Fr. Francis Musoke A.P Parochial House,

Duleek,

Co Meath A92 E085





17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

Parochial House Tuesday to Thursday

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Norman Mason M.M; John Clarke & dec Brodigan family; John, Rita & Frank Dardis; Noel McAree;

Angela, Tom & Kathy Gallagher; Ann McDermott; Carmel & Andrea McQuaile; Eddie Moss.

9am Michael Mimna; John O'Brien. Sunday

**Sunday 12noon** Frances Wall 1st Ann; Sally Hand; Christy Wall.

Tuesday **9.30am** Larry, May & Larry Campbell; Martin Hynes; Jack, Frances, Dessie, Vincent & Eugene Geraghty;

Cameron, Chris & Andy Richards Miraculous Medal Novena - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm)

No Mass on Wednesday Morning (Bellewstown 9.30am)

**9.30am** Elizabeth Jenkinson. Friday **9.30am** Missa pro populo.

Saturday 7:30pm Rose Keely 1st Ann; Seamus, Patricia & John Dardis; Mary Fagan Taaffe; Donors Intention. (Sunday) Christmas Eve 9am Margaret Gough; Tom & Agnes Potter; Matthew & Lil Redmond. No Mass 12noon

**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 **10am Missa pro populo** Patrick Tuohy

Every Saturday Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction in St. Cianan's Duleek 5-6pm. Confessions from 6-6:30pm

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

10am Vera & Leslie Ball; May Brannigan; Maureen Collier; John Hickey.

**Wednesday 9.30am** Elizabeth Burke *Adoration 8.30am-9.30am* 

(Sunday) Christmas Eve 10am Missa pro populo

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

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

No Mass on St Stephen's Day (10am in Duleek)

Communion Calls for Christmas Fr. Declan will visit the sick and housebound in Duleek this Monday 18th December and Fr Mark will visit Donore on Tuesday 19th December.

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 1,046.02 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 880.60

**Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:** 

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If you have no cash you can just scan your phone over this QR code to contribute to the basket collection

### TO ASSIST NEXT WEEKEND

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 23RD & 24TH DECEMBER

Sat 7:30pm Geraldine Little Sun 9am Declan & Freddie Murray

Christmas Eve 5pm Rosemary Reilly 9pm Frank Ryan

Christmas Day. 9am Aileen Crosby 12 noon Geraldine Potter Redmond

St. Cianán's Ministers of Holy Communion 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> Dec Team A

Sat Vigil 7.30pm Frank McKeon; Damian Quinn; Susan Gleeson Sun 9am John McWeeney; Richard Bowden; Keith McDonald. Christmas Eve 5pm Debbie O'Sullivan; Paul Ryan; Bryan O'Sullivan; Susan Gleeson. 9pm Sam Power; Damian Quinn; Una McGuinness

Christmas Day 9am John McWeeney; Ann McDonnell; Mairead Cromwell 12 noon Marina Nolan; Rita Baxter.

ST, Thérése's Minister of the Word 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Bernadette McGuinness 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Bridie Brannigan

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC. Monica Cross & Una McGuinness 25<sup>TH</sup> DEC. Rose Forbes & Rose O'Reilly



IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Leah Maire Francis Kinsella.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

THANK YOU BELLEWSTOWN A huge thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale in Bellewstown School last Sunday. Thanks to those who came along to buy, who donated and who baked. Over €1,000 was raised for the children of Gaza.

PARISH INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C YE 2022 Today we publish the Income & Expenditure for the parish for Year End 2022. Please see attached Statement with this week's newsletter. May thanks to everyone again for your continued support.



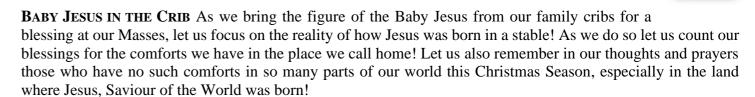
LAST WEEK OF ADVENT During this week amid all the Christmas excitement at home, in school and at work take time to ponder the real reason for Christmas – that God came to reconcile humanity with their God! Christ Jesus came among us to free us from our sins; to show us a way of mercy, of unconditional love, of healing and grace! How much the world needs this gift of God! How perhaps may I or my family need this precious gift of Jesus! Next weekend you are

welcome to seek the grace of this Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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! Let's stop what we are doing and be reconciled with God and one another! Please encourage family and friends to come back to God with all their hearts as we prepare for Christmas.

Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek Saturday 23rd Dec. 12-1pm & 6-7pm

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 2023.



Pope Francis' reflection at the Angelus, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's Square 8th **December 2023** Dear brothers and sisters, Today, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Gospel presents us with the scene of the Annunciation. It demonstrates two of Mary's attitudes that help us understand how she may have guarded the unique gift she received – a heart completely free from sin. These two attitudes are *amazement* regarding the works of God and *fidelity* in the simple things. Let's look at the first: amazement. The Angel says to Mary, "Rejoice, full of grace: the Lord is with you". And the Evangelist Luke notes that the Virgin "was greatly troubled...and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be". She remains surprised, struck, troubled: she is amazed when she hears herself called "full of grace" – Our Lady is humble – that is, filled with God's love. This is a very noble attitude: to be amazed before the Lord's gifts, never taking them for granted, appreciating their value, rejoicing in the trust and tenderness they bring with them. And it is also important to demonstrate this amazement before others, speaking humbly about God's gifts, about the good received, and not only about daily problems. To be more positive. We can ask ourselves: Do I know how to be amazed regarding God's works? Does it happen at times that I am filled with wonder and share it with someone? Or am I always focused on the bad things, sad things? And now the second attitude: fidelity in simple things. Prior to the Annunciation, the Gospel says nothing about Mary. She is presented as a simple girl, apparently equal to so many others who were living in her village. A young girl who, precisely because of her simplicity, kept pure that Immaculate Heart with which, by God's grace, she had been conceived. And this too is important, for to welcome God's great gifts, it is necessary to know how to treasure those that are more everyday and less apparent. It is precisely with her daily fidelity in goodness that Our Lady allowed God's gift to grow within her. This is how she trained herself to respond to the Lord, to say "yes" to him with her entire life. So, let us ask ourselves: Do I believe that fidelity to God is important both in everyday situations as well as in my spiritual journey? And if I believe this, do I find the time to read the Gospel, to pray, to participate in the Eucharist and to receive Sacramental forgiveness, to perform some tangible act of disinterested service? These are the small everyday choices, choices necessary to welcome the Lord's presence. May Mary Immaculate help us be amazed at God's gifts and respond to them with faithful generosity each day.

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. Thanking you!

**HOSPITALITY** A cuppa is provided after the 12 noon Sunday Mass as we share a few minutes of hospitality, especially getting to know new parishioners or visitors passing by. Feel free to bring a few buns etc any Sunday!



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT takes place in St. Therésé's, Bellewstown this Sunday evening 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas.