



NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

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

Tel: 041-9823205

www.duleekbellewstownparish.com email: duleekparish@gmail.com



SCAN ME

21ST JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

*Caroline Doyle
The Parish Office
Parochial House
Tuesday to Thursday
10am-5pm*

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Ita Hoey 1st Ann; Bridget & John Reilly.

Sunday 9am Missa pro populo

Sunday 12noon Margaret Caffrey M.M; Johnny & Jimmy Devereaux; Peggy Murray; John & Molly Regan.

Tuesday 9:30am followed by *Miraculous Medal Novena – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* 6-7pm

No Mass on Wednesday Morning (9.30am in Bellewstown)

Thursday 9:30am Missa pro populo.

Friday 9:30am Larry Campbell.

Saturday 7:30pm Aiden Burns; Richard Dempsey; Charlie Maloney.

Sunday 9am Missa pro populo.

Sunday 12noon Tony Andrews; Nicholas Johnson.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10am Patrick & Kathleen Black; Patrick & Theresa Black; Dymphna Reilly.

Wednesday 9:30am *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* 8.30-9.30am.

Sunday 10am Gerry & Kay Crozier; Walter & Bernadette Hemeryck; Kathleen Martin & dec family;
Fr Patrick O'Reilly.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 798.27
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 933.65
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:
IBAN IE26 AIBK 9323 9604 1618 61



If you prefer to use this QR code instead of the basket collection just scan your phone over it and follow the guide.

TO ASSIST AT THE MASSES

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 28TH JANUARY & 4TH FEB

Sat Vigil Marian Coleman & Katie O'Connor *Sun 9am* Emma McQuaile & Richard Bowden

Sun. 12noon Billy Doyle & Olivia Woods

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 27TH & 28TH JAN - TEAM C

Sat Vigil Rosemary Reilly; Sam Power; Debbie O'Sullivan *Sun. 9am* Billy Doyle; William Maguire; Pat Shanley

12noon Colm Heeney; Liz Lynch; Mairead Cromwell.

ST. THÉRÈSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 28TH JAN Freda Barnes

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Monica Cross & Una McGuinness

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND; Richard Patrick McGuinness, Abbey Road, Duleek.

CEMETERY SUNDAY WEEKEND JUNE 8TH/9TH 2024

Blessing of the graves will take place this year on Saturday 8th June at 5pm in Crossmacole Cemetery and in St. Mary's Abbey after the Vigil Mass. On Sunday 9th at 1pm in Holy Cross & Good Shepherd cemeteries. Please note that no individual mass intentions will be taken cemetery Sunday weekend as all masses will be offered for those buried in our cemeteries.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Duleek Community First Responders are now taking expressions of interest from those who may be interested in becoming a community first responder. If you are living within 5km of Duleek Church (includes Donore & Bellewstown) and may be interested in volunteering please get in touch by emailing duleekcfr@gmail.com You do not need any medical training.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Helpline 1800 677 777 or Contact 087-0931068

ACCORD

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website

VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark



THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy. Through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel; Christ is the centre and fullness of all Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments. Listening to the Gospel, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, is characterised by a special veneration, expressed not only by gestures and acclamations, but by the Book of the Gospels itself. The arrangement of the biblical readings laid down by the Church in the Lectionary opens the way to understanding the entirety of God's word. The proclamation of the texts of the Lectionary

constitutes a bond of unity between all the faithful who hear them. In the homily, beginning with the biblical readings, the mysteries of faith and the norms of the Christian life are explained throughout the liturgical year. Particular importance is attached to silence which, by favouring meditation, allows the word of God to be received inwardly by the listener. The Church has always paid particular attention to those who proclaim the word of God in the assembly: priests, deacons and readers. This ministry requires specific interior and exterior preparation, familiarity with the text to be proclaimed and the necessary practice in the way of proclaiming it clearly, avoiding all improvisation. Because of the importance of the word of God, the Church invites us to pay special attention to the ambo from which it is proclaimed. It is not a functional piece of furniture, but a place that is in keeping with the dignity of the word of God, in correspondence with the altar: in fact, we speak of the table of God's word and the table of the Body of Christ, referring both to the ambo and especially to the altar. The purpose of this Note is to help reawaken, in the light of the Sunday of the Word of God, an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God. "God's word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life". *From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 17 December 2020*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25TH JANUARY 2024 The chosen theme is *'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'* (Lk 10:27) The resources for the 2024 Week of Prayer were compiled by the Holy See together with Churches and other Christian communities in Burkina Faso, under the theme "Go and do likewise". This is drawn from the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel (Luke 10:25-37). The resources (including resources in the Irish language) are available on this link (prepared for us by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland): [Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](https://resourcesforweekofprayerforchristianunity2024.ctbi.org.uk) Let us continue to pray and work for greater unity among all Christians across the world and, especially, here in our own country. In doing so, may we unite ourselves to the prayer of Jesus himself on the night before his death when he prayed '...that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me' (John 17:21).



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024 Theme: Catholic Schools: Communities of Service. During the week our parish schools will be engaged in a programme of events celebrating our Catholic Faith identity. *Grandparents Day* is a highlight of the week and we acknowledge and thank them as our special teachers of faith, hope and love to our children! We thank and support all our schools with our prayers and we also acknowledge the school Boards of Management who gave voluntary of their time in overseeing the tremendous work of our principals and staff in our parish schools. Check out all that is happening at primary and secondary level this week on www.catholicschools.ie #catholicschoolsweek



CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION As families and local faith communities we continue to encourage our parents as they support the children along the journey of preparing for the celebrations of these sacraments in 2024. This weekend the children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we celebrate the Word of God.



BE A PRIEST IN OUR DIOCESE! On Sunday, January 21st, Bishop Deenihan will ordain Anthony Kerr to the Diaconate in Saint Mary's Church, Drogheda at 7pm. A native of Navan, Anthony is currently on Pastoral Placement in Drogheda. Anthony will be ordained to the Priesthood next year. Let us keep Anthony in our prayers at this time and pray too for those who are discerning a call to priesthood and religious life.

On Sunday, January 28th, the Priests and Religious of the Diocese will gather with Bishop Deenihan to celebrate the blessing of candles and sung Vespers in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar at 4pm. This year, the celebration will also mark the fortieth anniversary of Bishop Smith's Ordination as Bishop of Meath. That is a significant milestone which should be celebrated and we wish Bishop Michael many more years of health and happiness. All parishioners are welcome to attend this celebration in the Cathedral.

