



NEWSLETTER *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B*

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

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Tuesday to Thursday
10am-5pm



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION This week in our parishes of Donore and Duleek we have the privilege of welcoming Bishop Tom and celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gift of the Sacraments in our lives and the occasions of the celebrations are sacred events in the family and our whole faith community: celebrating our relationship with God and the great communion of the saints, in which we the baptised are part off here on earth as we journey towards the promise of Heaven. We so easily take things for granted but let us celebrate with renewed zeal the grace of the Holy Spirit to inspire and direct our lives, to protect and bless our families, especially those celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

As we pray for all the Confirmation candidates let us ponder the words of Pope Francis with regard the Sacrament of Confirmation. *“When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allow him to act, Christ makes himself present in us and takes shape in our lives; through us, it will be he – Christ himself – who prays, forgives, gives hope and consolation, serves the brethren, draws close the needy and to the least, creates community and sows peace. Think how important this is: by means of the Holy Spirit, Christ himself comes to do all this among us and for us. That is why it is important that children and young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation”.*

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN’S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Intentions of Newly Married Couples; Paula Fagan M.M; Sandra Clarke; Sean Clarke & dec Clarke & Lynch families; Paddy Molloy; Matthew & Moll Kavanagh; Kathleen & Adam Mathot; Adam O’Leary.

Sunday 9am Philip Fogarty & dec. family; Michael and Ann O’Toole.

Sunday 12noon Bernard Clarke M.M; Ilze Canning 1st Ann; Laurence, Teresa & Austin Mooney; Packie Sherlock; Kevin Finnegan

Tuesday 10am, 12noon & 2pm Confirmation Ceremonies

Wednesday 7:30am Mass for Lent.

Thursday 9:30am Missa pro populo.

Friday 9:30am Missa pro populo **Stations of the Cross @ 6pm**

Saturday 7:30pm Thomas Battersby; Patricia Dardis; Glen Geraghty; Kathy, Tom & Angela Gallagher; Harry & Helen McCormick.

Sunday 9am Missa pro populo.

Sunday 12noon Annie, William & Liam Gallagher & dec family; Seamus Gorman.

Every Saturday guided Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction in St. Cianan’s 5-6pm with Confessions from 6-6:30pm

ST. THÉRÉSE’S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10am Pat Gorey & dec family; Brendan & Dermot Molloy; Michael Murtagh & dec Murtagh & Callaghan families; John Farrell & dec. family

Wednesday 9:30am Missa pro populo Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.30am.

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo



As we begin Lent 2024 let us be courageous witnesses to the example of Jesus by imitating His wilderness or desert experience which he undertook before he began the three years of his public mission which ultimately led him to Jerusalem and his Passion, Death and Resurrection! As he prayed, we pray; as he fasted, we fast, as he give of himself and took on the Gospel mission, we give of our charity and take on renewed Christian purpose! Set aside an extra bit of time for prayer, daily Mass, or charity work.

Maybe set up a sacred space/altar in your home with the Bible at the centre and use the Trocaire Box as a visible reminder of how fortunate we are and of what we can share with those whose needs are greater. And of course we traditionally give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Social Media time as a way of fasting for Lent! Remember that as Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday and if possible every Wednesday, so perhaps you might also consider keeping this practice for Lent! **Could you spend one hour a week in Adoration? During Lent there will be mass every Wednesday morning at 7.30am in St Cianán’s Church. Lectio Divina (sharing the Gospel) will also take place in the room inside the porch of St. Cianan’s Church every Tuesday at 10-10:30am. On Friday evenings at 6pm following the Angelus, Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Cianán’s Church. On Saturdays from 5-6pm Guided Holy Hour, followed by Confessions. Perhaps invite your spouse or family or even a friend to join with you in attending some of these Lenten events. Maybe offer to travel together from the other faith communities of Bellewstown, Donore and Rossnaree to participate in Christian solidarity as we recall the words of Jesus, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with you”. In each of our churches a Cross will be displayed for Lent, whatever crosses you may be carrying, please come and place your pain or burden or affliction or addiction before Jesus, as we make this journey of Lent 2024.**

Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. www.trocaire.org



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 916.66
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Candlemas envelopes): € 1,707
Many thanks for your generous contribution to the Candlemas Offering last weekend.



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 25TH FEB & 3RD MARCH

Sat Vigil Sam Power & Geraldine Little *Sun 9am* Mary Lyons & Annette Murray

Sun. 12noon Lily Murray & John Heeney

ST. CIANÁN’S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 24TH & 25TH FEB - TEAM A

Sat Vigil Frank McKeon; Damian Quinn; Susan Gleeson *Sun. 9am* John McWeeney; Richard Bowden; Keith McDonald

12noon Joe Martin; Bryan O’Sullivan; Stephen McKee; Paul Ryan

ST. THÉRÉSE’S MINISTER OF THE WORD 25TH FEB Joe Collins

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Rose Forbes & Rose O’Reilly

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Annual Duleek Cystic Fibrosis 10K Remembrance Run/Walk on 28/04/2024 @ 2:00pm. Please save the date.



CLEANING IN OUR CHURCH *We are most grateful to all who assist our sacristy teams in all our Churches. As you know many hands make light work, so we are asking for volunteers to assist with a cleaning rota in St Cianan’s Duleek. If anyone is willing and able please contact the parish office.*

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 GIFT OF LOVE

Appreciating the commitment couples make in the Sacred Marriage vows we especially offer our love and support to the Newly Weds of 2023 whom we have invited to join with us at Mass this weekend, when as a faith community we mark St. Valentine's and express our solidarity with those most recently married and all couples, especially those celebrating significant Jubilees of Marriage this year. “As I have already noted, we are becoming increasingly aware of the laity’s identity and mission in the Church and in society. You have the mission of transforming society

by your presence in the workplace and ensuring that the needs of families are taken into due account. Married couples too should take the lead (*primerear*) in their parochial and diocesan community through their initiatives and their creativity, as an expression of the complementarity of charisms and vocations in the service of ecclesial communion. This is especially true of those couples who, together with the Church’s pastors, “walk side by side with other families, to help those who are weaker, to proclaim that, even amid difficulties, Christ is always present to them”. Letter of Pope Francis to all Married Couples for the ‘Amoris Laetitia’ Family Year 2021-2022 see www.vatican.va for full text.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Such ministry is indeed a privilege service in the Faith Community and we are very grateful for all who assist in these various Ministries. For ongoing formation and reflection we invite **All** Ministers to attend the following scheduled gatherings to be in held in the church in which they minister. If anyone would be interested in either if these ministries please discuss with Fr. Mark or contact the Parish Office. **Tuesday 19th March** Rossnaree 7pm and Donore 8pm. **Wednesday 20th March** Bellewstown 7pm and Duleek 8pm.

