



NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B*

DULEEK PARISH WITH DONORE PARISH

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3RD MARCH 2024

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



LENT 2024 Think about some of the following to do! An hour of Adoration?

On Saturdays from 5-6pm Guided Holy Hour, followed by Confessions.

Mass every Wednesday morning at 7.30am in St Cianán's Church.

Lectio Divina (sharing the Gospel) St. Cianan's Church every Tuesday at 10-10:30am.

Friday evenings at 6pm Stations of the Cross St. Cianán's Church.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7:30pm Richard McGuinness M.M; Joe Colville; Brian Connor & dec family; Violet & Patrick Sheridan; Miriam Traynor; Nancy & Alicia Woods.

Sunday 9am Thomas & Annie Heeney & dec family.

Sunday 12noon Andy Walsh 1st Ann; Michael, Kate & Michael (Jnr) Walsh; Kevin, Patrick, Rena & Eamon Andrews; Jim Gray; Pat Jones; Pat & Anne Long.

Tuesday 9.30am Bridget Bird.

Wednesday 7:30am Mass for Lent.

Thursday 9:30am Missa pro populo.

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Stations of the Cross @ 6pm

Saturday 7:30pm Ivan Pentony M.M; Jimmy Carroll; Joe Fedigan; Billy McGuinness; Alice, Ollie & Bernard Mohan; Patrick, Ellen & James Lynch & dec Clarke family; Gerry O'Neill.

Sunday 9am Nora Mills M.M; Mary & Bridget Bohan; Mary Kavanagh; Michael, Mary & Kenneth Woods.

Sunday 12noon Mickey Naughton 1st Ann; Chrissie Clinton; Joey & Daisy Cudden; Seamus Dardis; Anna Finnegan Coll; Thomas & Mary Lowthe; Mary, Chrissie, Tommy & May Lowthe.

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 Helena & John Collins; Richard, Bridget, Christopher & Mary Howard & dec family.

Wednesday 9:30am William, Kathleen & Esmery Brangan & dec family; Nicholas & Margaret Hughes & dec family
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.30am.

Sunday 10am Claire Brannigan; Marian Flynn; Paddy Joyce; Peter & Elizabeth Whearty; Yvonne Branagh & dec family.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 951.74
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 742.40
Duleek Parish Development Fund Account Number:
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TO ASSIST AT THE MASSES

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR 10TH & 17TH MARCH

Sat Vigil Catriona Dillon & Marina Nolan Sun 9am Noel Heeney & Alice White

Sun.12noon Ann Marie Maughan & Ann Finger

ST. CIANÁN'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR 9TH & 10TH MARCH - 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. THÉRÉSE'S MINISTER OF THE WORD 10TH MARCH Bernadette McGuinness

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Joe Collins & Rose Forbes

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND; Bernadette Murray, Navan, sister of Declan Murray, Cushenstown.



IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Shay Michael & Daire Jenny Brennan.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul church gate collection will be held at all Masses on the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd March.

Preloved Dress Sale in Duleek Courthouse on Sat 9th March 4-7pm. All proceeds toward local students travelling to Uganda in May to volunteer with Irish NGO, Nurture Africa.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Helpline 1800 677 777 or Contact 087-0931068

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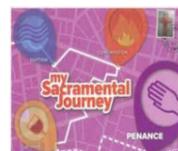
CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website

VOCATIONS

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

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 held in the church in which they minister. If anyone would be interested in either of 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.



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 preparing for First Holy Communion and the recently Confirmed will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport for Lent, a time of doing some penance, remembering what Jesus has done for us! The celebrations of First Confessions will take place next Saturday.

SYNOD FEEDBACK INVITATION A series of meetings is planned for the coming weeks across the diocese of Meath to offer feedback on the Synod which was held in Rome last October and to offer an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process which will inform the preparations for the Synod in Rome next October. All interested persons are invited to one of the following meetings: **Navan Parish Room, Wednesday 6th March or Ashbourne Parish Hall, Wednesday 13th March.** All meetings commence at 7:00pm and will be facilitated by the Meath Diocesan Synodal Team. Please be familiar with the document issued following the Synod last October called **Towards the 2024 Assembly** available on www.synod.va.

NAVAN CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL are hosting a Church Choir Competition aimed at all Choirs who perform regularly in their local Churches for Sunday Mass. Choirs are asked to perform two liturgical pieces of their own choice for this competition. The winning Choir will be presented with the Bishop Deenihan Perpetual Cup and €250. Further details about this competition can be found on the website www.navanchoralfestival.com. All adult choral competitions will be held on 12th May.

PARISH EASTER CARDS & OFFERING ENVELOPES are now ready for distribution. We are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Could all who help please call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday.

IRISH EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE MESSAGE REGARDING THE REFERENDUMS ON MARCH 8TH

Upon his arrival in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families on 25 August 2018, Pope Francis met at Dublin Castle with representatives of civil, cultural and religious life, including the Taoiseach and members of the Government. Pope Francis said he was visiting Ireland to help families “reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God’s gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members, and the development of sound and flourishing social fabric”. He added, “Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means”. In this context, we wish to comment on the two important referendums on family and care which are taking place on the 8th of March 2024.

The Family Amendment – 39th Amendment (amending Article 41)

[] While ‘Marriage’ entails a public and legal commitment, the term ‘durable relationship’ is shrouded in legal uncertainty and is open to wide interpretation. It does not make sense that such an ambiguous reality would be considered ‘antecedent and superior to all positive law’ and acquire the same ‘inalienable and imprescriptible’ rights as those ascribed to the ‘family founded on marriage’. Various commentators have suggested that the term ‘durable relationship’ risks leading to unforeseen and unintended consequences.

The Care Amendment – 40th Amendment (deleting Article 41.2 and inserting a New Article 42B)

[] The proposed amendment would have the effect of abolishing all reference to motherhood in the Constitution and leave unacknowledged the particular and incalculable societal contribution that mothers in the home have made and continue to make in Ireland. The present constitutional wording does not in any way inhibit women from working or taking their proper place in social and public life. It does, however, respect the complementary and distinct qualities that arise naturally within the Family. The role of mothers should continue to be cherished in our Constitution.

The Importance of voting

Pope St John Paul II said in Ireland back in 1979: “The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation”. In a democracy that guarantees the freedom to vote, it is important that citizens cast their ballot on March 8th with matters of such importance at stake. As pastors, concerned for the common good as well as the moral and spiritual well-being of God’s People, we offer these reflections in order to help inform the consciences of Christians and others who are concerned to preserve and foster the dignity and value of family life and motherhood.

The full text is available on a sheet accompanying the Parish Newsletter this weekend.

