



NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

23RD JANUARY 2022
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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Monday and Thursday
1.30pm – 3pm*

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Kitty Myles; Liam & Maria O'Brien.

Tuesday 9.15am

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 9.15am

Sunday 11am John, Lil, Tony & Ann Wall.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6.30pm Missa pro populo

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ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7.30pm **Sunday 9am & 12noon** **Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 10am**

ST. THÉRÈSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10.00am **Wednesday 9am**

*Please note that during the week if there is a funeral, there will be no morning Mass that day. Instead Morning Prayer of the Church plus Rosary can be said by those who gather (sheets available from the sacristy).
The intention will be included in the funeral Mass*



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| MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): | € 265 |
| PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): | € 276 |

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES 2022

The new Parish Envelope Boxes will be distributed later this week. We are most grateful for the kind assistance the volunteer distributors provide. A huge thanks to everyone for your constant support to both the Development Fund and the Mass Offertory Collection. Every parishioner/family as participants of our local Church faith community play their role in the necessary bills and other matters concerning the upkeep of the churches, the support of Fr. Mark, Fr. Anthony and the general running of the parish. It has been a trying couple of years with the pandemic but we hope everyone can appreciate all that is been done to assist in having a vibrant faith community as we live out the faith, hope and love we share in our commitment to Christ and His mandate to share the Gospel. It is important that if you and your family are not already registered for a parish envelope box that you would kindly do so or make arrangements to set up a direct debit or annual financial contribution. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss this further.

LMFM We welcome Eddie Caffrey of LMFM as he records the Vigil Mass for broadcast "*All across the North East.*" It is a wonderful assistance to all the sick and housebound, indeed we all appreciated Eddie's dedication to this service during the pandemic imposed lockdowns when it wasn't possible to attend Mass. We pray for Eddie and all involved in such sacred broadcasting services.

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 2022 The theme for this Week of Prayer is *'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him'* (Mt 2:2), taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022 Theme: Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full. During the week our parish schools will be engaged in a programme of events celebrating our Catholic Faith identity. *Grandparents Day*, which had become a highlight of the week, is not possible in person again this year but we acknowledge and thank them as our special teachers of faith, hope and love to our children! It has been a sad past week for our diocese with the tragic death of one of our teachers, Ms. Aishling Murphy; we especially keep her school in our prayers and her family too. 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



The Synodal Pathway in the Diocese of Meath

All the baptised in the Diocese of Meath are invited to participate in the synodal process during Lent 2022. Opportunities to engage in the process locally will be announced in February. *Enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer, we will be able to discern the processes to seek God's will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world.* (Vademecum 1.2)



To learn more about synodality see www.synod.ie or www.dioceseofmeath.ie/news/universal-synod/
We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

