



NEWSLETTER THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

9TH JANUARY 2022

DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH

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1.30pm – 3pm*

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Sheila & Tommy Murphy.

Tuesday 9.15am

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 9.15am

Sunday 11am Dermot Matthews; Joe McWeeney.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6.30pm Missa pro populo

Saturday 6.30pm Kathleen, Tom & Sr Patricia Everard.

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

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

ST. THÉRÉSE'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 at the funeral Mass.*



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection):	€435
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes):	€336



GETTING MARRIED! Congratulations to couples who may have become engaged over the Christmas & New Year celebrations. Be assured of the prayers of the parish community as you begin to make preparations for your Wedding Day. For those intending to celebrate the Sacrament here in Duleek or Bellewstown please contact the Parish Office before booking any venue for the wedding reception in case the dates are not available. As the New Year begins, couples already booked for 2022 should double check with the Parish Office that all is okay. Please note that at least six-month's notice must be given if intending to get married abroad, as there are important Church documents to be completed and sent to the place where the Sacrament will be celebrated. As with everything the ongoing pandemic can cause the best laid wedding plans to change to a plan B! Hopefully 2022 will not be as disruptive as the past two years and we seek God's blessing upon all couples as they prepare for Sacred Marriage.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM As we celebrate this *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* it is an occasion to appreciate the gift that is Baptism and the responsibility of us to foster and share the Faith with those around us; principally within the dynamic of family life at home and by extension with the wider family of the Church at parish and universal level. The Sacrament of Baptism in our parish is celebrated every weekend on request. Baptism is never a private occasion but always a parish faith community event and we keep all families preparing for baptism in our prayers. To request the Sacrament of Baptism please contact the Parish Office. There is also the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (the RCIA) programme which the Diocese provides for adults who seek to become members of the Catholic Church. Please keep this in mind if ever a friend or colleague who is not baptised expresses a desire to know more of the Faith we share in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

To baptize a child is an act of justice towards them. Why? Because at Baptism we offer a treasure, at Baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life. This is why it is so important to baptize them when they are little, so that they may grow with the strength of the Holy Spirit. This is the message that I would like to give you today. You have brought your children today so that they may receive the Holy Spirit within them. And make sure that they develop in the light, with the strength of the Holy Spirit through catechesis, assistance, education and your example at home.... This is the message. I do not want to say anything more important than this. Only some advice. Children.. are not used to being closed in an environment that is also a bit stifling. And they are not used to being dressed like this, for a feast day as beautiful as today. They will feel a bit uncomfortable at times. And one will start to cry... — the concert has yet to begin! — but one will start then another ... Do not be alarmed: let your children cry and scream. Rather, if your child cries and complains, perhaps it is because it feels too hot: remove something; or because it is hungry: breastfeed them, here, yes, always comfortably. Something I also said last year: they have a “choral” dimension: it is enough for one of them to start to “sing” and everyone follows and there will be a concert. Do not be alarmed. It is a beautiful homily when a baby cries in church. It is a beautiful homily. Make sure that they are all right and let us move forward. Do not forget: you let the Holy Spirit enter the children.

Pope Francis, Mass in the Sistine Chapel, for the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord 2020

Today marks the end of the Season of Christmas. The Crib however remains up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on 2nd February. In the weeks ahead pray at the Crib for the special intentions of every family in our parish, in particular for those with new born babies. As we count our blessings, let us also be mindful of those who, like Our Lady, St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, have to flee as refugees seeking safety for their families in other countries far from their home. If anyone has Christmas presents that they were given and have no great need for them you may leave them at the Crib in the churches. Can you mark the presents for men/women/children and age group. These will be shared with refugees recently arrived in our country.



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.

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