



NEWSLETTER CORPUS CHRISTI YEAR C

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Tuesday - Thursday 10am – 5pm



MASS FOR THE SICK 11am this Saturday 25th June in St. Cianán's we will celebrate Mass for the Sick. Please make arrangements for bringing your family members or neighbours who are housebound and unable to frequently attend Mass. Anyone who is burdened by illness or old age is welcome to join with us for this Mass during which the laying on of hands and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated. *After the Mass and the anointing there will be refreshments. If you are going or able to assist on the day please let us know through Caroline in the Office or the Sacristans after Mass so as we can make preparations, thanks.*



Dad

He never looks for praises, he's never one to boast,
he just goes on quietly working for those he loves the most.
His dreams are seldom spoken, his wants are very few.
And most of the time his worries will go unspoken too.
He's there...A firm foundation through all our storms of life.
A sturdy hand to hold in times of stress and strife.
A true friend we can turn to when times are good or bad.
One of our greatest blessings the man that we call Dad.

A God who is love

The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: "God loves you". It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved. Perhaps your experience of fatherhood has not been the best. Your earthly father may have been distant or absent, or harsh and domineering. Or maybe he was just not the father you needed. I don't know. But what I can tell you, with absolute certainty, is that you can find security in the embrace of your heavenly Father, of the God who first gave you life and continues to give it to you at every moment. He will be your firm support, but you will also realize that he fully respects your freedom. In God's word, we find many expressions of his love. It is as if he tried to find different ways of showing that love, so that, with one of them at least, he could touch your heart. For example, there are times when God speaks of himself as an affectionate father who plays with his children: "I led them with cords of compassion, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks" (Hos 11:4). At other times, he speaks of himself as filled with the love of a mother whose visceral love for her children makes it impossible for her to neglect or abandon them: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you" (Is 49:15). He even compares himself to a lover who goes so far as to write his beloved on the palm of his hands, to keep her face always before him: "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands!" (Is 49:6). At other times, he emphasizes the strength and steadfastness of his invincible love: "For the mountains may depart, and the hills be shaken, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be shaken" (Is 54:10). Or he tells us that we have been awaited from eternity, for it was not by chance that we came into this world: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jer 31:3). Or he lets us know that he sees in us a beauty that no one else can see: "For you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you" (Is 43:4). Or he makes us realize that his love is not cheerless, but pure joy, welling up whenever we allow ourselves to be loved by him: "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory. He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing" (Zeph 3:17). For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection. "Trust the memory of God: his memory is not a 'hard disk' that 'saves' and 'archives' all our data. His memory is a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in 'deleting' from us every trace of evil". He does not keep track of your failings and he always helps you learn something even from your mistakes. Because he loves you. Try to keep still for a moment and let yourself feel his love. Try to silence all the noise within, and rest for a second in his loving embrace. His is "a love that does not overwhelm or oppress, cast aside or reduce to silence, humiliate or domineer. It is the love of the Lord, a daily, discreet and respectful love; a love that is free and freeing, a love that heals and raises up. The love of the Lord has to do more with raising up than knocking down, with reconciling than forbidding, with offering new changes than condemning, with the future than the past". When he asks something of you, or simply makes you face life's challenges, he is hoping that you will make room for him to push you, to help you grow. He does not get upset if you share your questions with him. He is concerned when you don't talk to him, when you are not open to dialogue with him. The Bible tells us that Jacob fought with God (cf. Gen 32:25-31), but that did not keep him from persevering in his journey. The Lord himself urges us: "Come, let us argue it out" (Is 1:18). His love is so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue. Seek the closeness of our heavenly Father in the loving face of his courageous witnesses on earth!

CHRISTUS VIVIT – CHRIST IS ALIVE!
Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis to Young People and to the entire People of God

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Corpus Christi 11am Stephen McMahon 1st Ann; Paddy Coombes.

Tuesday 9:15am

Thursday 9:15am *Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist*

Friday 9:15am *Feast of the Sacred Heart*

Saturday 11am *Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass for the Sick in St Cianan's Church, Duleek*

Sunday 11am Dominic Gogarty.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Corpus Christi 6:30pm Missa pro populo

Saturday 6:30pm James, Annie & Nancy Finnegan & dec family.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 365
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): € 630
Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44
Many thanks for your generous contribution to the Priest Offering last weekend.



IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Milo Eugene Waters.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 16, 17, 24, 25 No jackpot winner
Consolation €25 Fiadh Lennon & Ian Howard
Next week's jackpot €5,470 Reserve Jackpot €1,650
Church gate collection for Alzheimer's Drogheda branch will take place this weekend in the Donore church.
Duleek Cardiac First Response Group are holding a CPR community training day on Sunday 3rd July at Duleek Bellewstown & District Community Facility. You can learn & practice how to perform hands only CPR and see a demo of a defibrillator (AED) in use. Sessions take place at 10am, 11am, 12noon, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm. Book your place on Eventbrite link <https://tinyurl.com/28djtj2w>

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VOCATIONS
Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark or www.dioceseofmeath.ie



CEMETERY SUNDAY WEEKEND JULY 9TH/10TH 2022 Blessing of the graves will take place on Saturday 9th July at 4pm in Donore Old Cemetery, at 5pm in Leck Cemetery and 6:30pm with Mass in Knockcommon Cemetery. On Sunday 10th at 11am with Mass in Donore Cemetery.



OUR PARISH WEBSITE has been created and also includes a parish Facebook. We hope and pray it is of good use to parishioners and that it may also keep family members now living away or abroad connected with what is happening for our faith community. Please encourage young people in the family to check it out and become engaged with us through the various means available. May the Holy Spirit bless all our endeavours to spread the Good News of our shared Catholic Faith.



DIOCESAN CHANGES 2022. Fr. Michael Whittaker will become Parish Priest of Rahan, Fr. Martin Carley will become Parish Priest of Collinstown and Fr Patrick Donnelly will become Parish Priest of Enfield. These changes will take place in early July. Reverend Barry White will be Ordained to the Priesthood on Sunday, July 17th in the Cathedral at 3pm. We keep the priests and parishioners of the parishes affected in our prayers and extend to them every blessing and good wishes.

