

### **NEWSLETTER** *eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

**DONORE PARISH** WITH DULEEK PARISH PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY Fr. Mark English Adm. Fr. Anthony Ayoola Parochial House The Parish Office Duleek



## 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Day of Prayer for temperance

Parochial House Donore Tel: 041-9823137 Monday and Thursday 1.30pm – 3pm

Lenten Garden as we begin the journey of Lent, seeking

# MASS INTENTIONSCHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORESunday11amMissa pro populo

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Co. Meath

	Wednesday 9.15am - Day of prayer, fast & abstinence (8am M		ss in St Cianán's Church, Duleek)
Thursday First Friday		followed by Communion Calls. Parish List of the Dead.	After Mass blessed ashes will be available in Donore church. If you are unable to attend Mass try to visit a
Sunday	11am	Missa pro populo	church during the day; pray before the Cross and the

**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE Saturday 6.30pm** Missa pro populo

Saturday 6.30pm Patricia Lenehan M.M

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 9am & 12noon

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 10am

the merciful love of God.

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 in the funeral Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection):€ 248PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes):€ 378Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number:IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



As we begin Lent, our sacred time of 'operation transformation' set aside an extra bit of time for prayer, daily Mass, or Sunday gospel reflection via zoom every Thursday of lent (contact parish office for details). 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 are called to give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Facebook time as a way of fasting for Lent! With so much talk of going vegan 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!

Lent a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving Trocaire Boxes can be picked up the churches. www.trocaire.org **Donore & Rossnaree Annual Parish 10 week draw** will be taking place soon. Promoters are currently calling to your homes. There will be 4 cash prizes every week of  $\in 100, \in 50 \times 2$  and  $\in 25$ . Cost  $\in 2$  per week or  $\in 20$  for the 10 weeks. First draw will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**St Vincent de Paul** church gate collection at all Masses on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your continued support.

Lotto: 4, 6, 7, 9 No jackpot winner

Consolation prizes €25.00 Aishling Drew, Susan Lenehan Next week's jackpot €5,140 Reserve Jackpot €1,210

Holy Land Pilgrimage – fully escorted trip 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 visiting Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee and more. Spiritual Director is Fr Sean Henry. Cost €1,895 HB, details from <u>www.travalue.ie</u> 0818 333990.



## THE SYNODAL PATHWAY IN THE PARISHES OF DONORE & DULEEK 12-3pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Next Saturday we in the Parishes of Donore and Duleek will hold our Synodal Pathway gathering. If you wish to participate in any or all of the Steps please phone or email so as we can arrange refreshments etc. Tel: 041-9823205 Email: *duleekparish@gmail.com* 

*First Step* at 12noon gathering at the churches in Bellewstown, Donore and Rossnaree for the Angelus. We invite as many as possible to walk (*dressed for the weather and with high vis jackets!!*) the three pilgrim routes from these churches to St. Cianán's Duleek.

*Second Step* in St. Cianán's Church at 1pm the pilgrims who have travelled by foot and all interested in participating in this Synodal process gather for refreshments and a chance to chat about being members of the Catholic Church.

*Third Step* 1:30-2pm a period of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and guided prayer imploring the Holy Spirit to guide us on the Synodal Pathway.

*Fourth Step* a time for each parishioner to write their own personal answers to the set of questions being asked of all participants.

*Fifth Step* an opportunity to share reflections which will be noted for consideration at the Deanery Level.

*Sixth Step* at 3pm we each take a light from the Paschal Candle and walk as a pilgrim people of God to the Old Duleek Abbey where we will Renew the Baptismal Promises and be blessed as we seek to be renewed in the Spirit eager to re-evangelise, to assist those around us to hear the Good News and share the pathway we follow Christ, Our Risen Saviour, to Heaven.

All parishioners are invited to reach out and invite family or friends who feel estranged or have given up on being associated with the Catholic Church to consider participating in this important event, as together we seek the Holy Spirit to bring us all as children of God to a better sense of what being a believer in Christ ought to be in the world today!

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

The First Deanery Meeting for the Synodal Pathway will be held in the Star of the Sea Church, Mornington on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm for those involved in the liturgical life of our parishes e.g. Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, choir members, organists, ushers/collectors, sacristans, etc. Anyone involved in these ministries is welcome to attend.

#### February 2022.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Next Wednesday, we begin our celebration of Lent...As restrictions lift and are disappearing, there is an

opportunity for the people of the Diocese of Meath to enter into the Season of Lent 2022 with a renewed sense

of our identity as the People of God, joyful in our gathering in His name, confident in His mercy and hopeful in the power of His grace to transform our lives. That is what church is! Our Lenten pilgrimage this year will have the added element of the Synodal Pathway. I echo the invitation of Pope Francis to each member of the Christian community in the Diocese of Meath to join in

this moment of listening as we prayerfully discern together what the Spirit of God is saying to the Church in this diocese at this time. It is important that we have this discussion about the local church or what we call parish. This discernment must be relevant to our local parishes and influence our local parishes. This discernment must be practical, not theoretical, and must influence what we do in the years ahead. It will be a discernment guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in faith. The synodal meetings that have been organised at deanery level throughout the

Diocese on the Tuesday evenings of Lent are an opportunity for all the Baptised in the Diocese of Meath to have a meaningful say in the universal Synod that will be held in Rome in 2023. By asking us to reflect on our experience of *communion, participation,* and *mission* in

the life of our Church at parish level, Pope Francis is calling each of us to play our part in bringing about a new springtime for our Church.....To those of you who love your Church, I say, "tell your story!". Do not be afraid to

articulate how you experience belonging to the Community of the Disciples of Christ; do not hesitate to express how your faith transforms your life and offers you hope and meaning on the journey of life. Equally, do not be afraid to express in love your concern for the future of your Church, your fears for the faith of your children and your longing for a vibrant parish community that will sustain your faith. To those of you who at best feel that you are on the margins of the Church, or at worst feel excluded from the Church, I say, "the Church needs to hear your voice!" I ask for your honesty. Do not be afraid to share your pain or to articulate that which you seek in the Church but do not find. You are part of the Church by your Baptism and in this synodal process the voice of every baptised person is equal. Ask the Holy

Spirit who dwells in your heart to give you the words that your Church needs to hear. [] May the ashes that will

mark our foreheads on Ash Wednesday mark us out as the People of God on a journey, pilgrims seeking to discern God's will. And may Mary, Mother of the Church and St. Finian, our teacher of the faith, guide our steps in the way of faith, hope, and love.

✤ Tom Deenihan. Bishop of Meath.



See text in full on www.duleekbellewstownparish.com