



# NEWSLETTER FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

**DONORE PARISH** WITH DULEEK PARISH  
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As we begin our spiritual journey of Lent, our sacred time of ‘operation transformation’ set aside an extra bit of time for prayer, daily Mass, or Eucharistic Adoration. 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! 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! Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet this Tuesday from 8:30-9pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Lent.

*Lent a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving*

**Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

**Sunday 11am** Missa pro populo  
**Tuesday 9.15am**  
**Thursday 9.15am**  
**Friday 9.15am** Margaret, Michael & Olive Black.  
**Sunday 11am** Rose Lawlor 1<sup>st</sup> Ann; Joe Doonan.

### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

**Saturday 6.30pm** Patricia Lenahan M.M

**Saturday 6.30pm** Oliver Fields

### ST. CIANÁN’S, DULEEK

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

### ST. THERÉSE’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*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY WEDNESDAY OF LENT 7:30PM ST. CIANÁN’S, DULEEK



**MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022** Theme: *“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)* Each year during Lent we are reminded that “goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day”. Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer, and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who “is generous in forgiving”. In this season of conversion, sustained by God’s grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that “if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time” and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others. By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake, and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be “all in all”. See [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) for full text.



**UKRAINE** We seek the intercession of Pope St. John Paul II in this terrible Hour of need for the peoples of Ukraine. We pray for an end to the madness of war and a conversion of those who choose evil, who abuse the power of leadership! Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for us!

In June 2001, Pope St. John Paul II offered the Holy Mass at Chaika Airport near Kyiv. In his homily he said; *“Land of Ukraine, drenched with the blood of martyrs, thank you for the example of fidelity to the Gospel which you have given to Christians the world over! .... City of Kyiv, may you be a “light to Ukraine.” From you there set out the evangelizers who down the centuries have been “John the Baptists” for the peoples dwelling in these lands. How many of them, like John, suffered in order to bear witness to the truth, and by their blood became the seed of new Christians. May future generations never lack men and women of the mettle of these, your glorious ancestors. Most Holy Virgin, Protectress of Ukraine, you have always guided the Christian people on their pilgrim way. Continue to watch over your children.”*



**The Offertory collection next week will be a special collection to support the relief effort for those most in need amid the devastation of their lives and country. Donations can also be made by online payment to Duleek Parish IBAN IE27 AIBK 9323 9604 1613 58 using reference Ukraine.**



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 110  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): € 434  
**Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44**



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY;** John smith



### Diocese of Meath Newsletter

The Meath Diocesan Safeguarding Children Newsletter for Spring 2022 is now available in all Churches or online at [www.meathsafeguarding.ie](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie) and Duleek parish website [www.duleekbellewstownparish.com](http://www.duleekbellewstownparish.com).

We acknowledge and thank our Parish Safeguarding Reps Joe McKane and Shirley Gough. If anyone has any concerns please contact Joe or Shirley.

**Donore & Rosnaree 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 €100, €50 X 2 and €25. Cost €2 per week or €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> March. Thank you for your continued support.

**Lotto: 3, 14, 17, 18** No jackpot winner  
Consolation prizes €25.00 Eoin & Tanya Craven  
Next week’s jackpot €5,160 Reserve Jackpot €1,240



### THE SYNODAL PATHWAY IN THE PARISHES OF DONORE & DULEEK

Thanks to all who took part in our Synodal Pathway gathering and to those who assisted with the refreshments. These are only the first steps taken along the pathway of discernment and listening as the people of God in every parish around the world contribute to the Synodal process which will culminate in Rome next year. If you wish to participate at the Deanery stage please see the relevant dates each week in the Newsletter.

**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.

Anyone involved in these ministries is welcome to attend.

**The Second Deanery Meeting** on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm for those involved in the administration of parish life** e.g. parish staff, members of Parish Pastoral Councils, members of Parish Finance Committees, members of Baptism Teams, Safeguarding Representatives, counters.

*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! Please download the questionnaire from our parish website [www.duleekbellewstownparish.ie](http://www.duleekbellewstownparish.ie) and invite them to complete the questionnaire. Then kindly return it to the Parish Office before the end of March and it will be included in the Diocesan process of collating the completed questionnaires and this initial Synodal Pathway phase.*

