NEWSLETTER *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR C*

17TH JULY 2022

DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH
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MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday **11am** Liam & Leontia Everard.
Tuesday **9:15am**
Thursday **9:15am**
Friday **9:15am**
Sunday **11am** Helen Myles 1st Ann.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday **6:30pm** Patrick & Jane Gogan; Babs Marry.

Saturday **6:30pm** Missa pro populo

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION ***Sincere thanks for the huge Cemetery Sunday collection €4,448***
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 373
Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44

THANKS Again a word of thanks to everyone who assisted in having things ready in the parish cemeteries for the Masses and the Blessings of the Graves last weekend. Thanks also to each family for taking such good care of their family plot and contributing to ensuring all the cemeteries are kept so tidy and with proper dignity for our beloved dead.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: **6, 9, 23, 24** No jackpot winner
Consolation prize €25 Eric O'Brien & Jessica Fagaekiley. Next week's jackpot €5,550.
Reserve Jackpot €1,800

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY 24TH JULY 2022

This is the second year of the newest celebration in the liturgical calendar for us Catholics. Think of how your family might mark this special occasion! As grandparents and grandchildren enjoy their summer holidays, savouring the precious gift of life and love shared together, let us come before God giving thanks with a small gesture of faith, hope and love. Every Friday for the summer we invite grandparents to bring their grandchildren to the morning 9:15am Mass in our parish. There is plenty of space in church so don't let covid issues discourage! Over the coming Fridays Fr. Mark and Fr. Anthony will focus upon this sacred bond between the generations.

ORDINATION FOR OUR DIOCESE It is with great joy that the Diocese of Meath celebrates the ordination as priest of Deacon Barry White this Sunday July 17th at 3 pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar by Bishop Tom Deenihan. Barry, who happens to have many relatives in our parish, is from Rathkenny and will offer his First Mass of Thanksgiving there in the Church of St. Mary & St. Louis at 7pm on Monday evening. We hold Rev. Barry in our prayers and seek the grace of the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide the two seminarians currently in their formation studies in Rome and Maynooth. We pray too for others discerning a vocation to be a priest in the diocese.

CROAGH PATRICK 20TH AUGUST Join with Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony on pilgrimage from Duleek & Donore Parishes to Croagh Patrick on Saturday 20th August! Please book your seat on the bus by contacting Caroline at the Parish office as soon as possible. Even if you may not be able to do much climbing you are welcome to come along and join with us. Children up to 18 years of age will need to be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or guardian to comply with our Safe-guarding policy.

THE YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL is taking place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane from the 11th - 14th of August. Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie. Please let Fr. Mark or Caroline at the Parish Office know if you are interested in participating. Some young parishioners have taken part in Youth 2000 events before and really enjoyed the experience.

On the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul 29th June 2022 Pope Francis published a new Apostolic Letter for all Catholics, extracts of which we will reflect upon over the coming weeks.

APOSTOLIC LETTER ***DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI "I have earnestly desired"*** OF THE HOLY FATHER **POPE FRANCIS** ON THE LITURGICAL FORMATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Desiderio desideravi hoc Pascha manducare vobiscum, antequam patiar (Lk 22:15)

1. My dearest brothers and sisters, with this letter I desire to reach you all and I write to share with you some reflections on the liturgy, a dimension fundamental for the life of the Church. The theme is vast and always deserves an attentive consideration in every one of its aspects. Even so, with this letter I do not intend to treat the question in an exhaustive way. I simply desire to offer some prompts or cues for reflections that can aid in the contemplation of the beauty and truth of Christian celebration. *The Liturgy: the "today" of salvation history* **2.** *"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."* (Lk 22:15) These words of Jesus, with which the account of the Last Supper opens, are the crevice through which we are given the surprising possibility of intuiting the depth of the love of the persons of the Most Holy Trinity for us. **3.** Peter and John were sent to make preparations to eat that Passover, but in actual fact, all of creation, all of history — which at last was on the verge of revealing itself as the history of salvation — was a huge preparation for that Supper. Peter and the others are present at that table, unaware and yet necessary. Necessary because every gift, to be gift, must have someone disposed to receive it. In this case, the disproportion between the immensity of the gift and the smallness of the one who receives it is infinite, and it cannot fail to surprise us. Nonetheless, through the mercy of the Lord, the gift is entrusted to the Apostles so that it might be carried to every man and woman. **4.** No one had earned a place at that Supper. All had been invited. Or better said: all had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat that Passover with them. He knows that he is the Lamb of that Passover meal; he knows that he *is* the Passover. This is the absolute newness, the absolute originality, of that Supper, the only truly new thing in history, which renders that Supper unique and for this reason "the Last Supper," unrepeatable. Nonetheless, his infinite desire to re-establish that communion with us that was and remains his original design, will not be satisfied until every man and woman, *from every tribe, tongue, people and nation* (Re 5:9), shall have eaten his Body and drunk his Blood. And for this reason that same Supper will be made present in the celebration of the Eucharist until he returns again. **5.** The world still does not know it, but everyone is *invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb* (Re 19:9). To be admitted to the feast all that is required is the wedding garment of faith which comes from the hearing of his Word (cf. Ro 10:17). The Church tailors such a garment to fit each one with the whiteness of a garment *bathed in the blood of the Lamb.* (Re 7:14). We must not allow ourselves even a moment of rest, knowing that still not everyone has received an invitation to this Supper or knowing that others have forgotten it or have got lost along the way in the twists and turns of human living. This is what I spoke of when I said, "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." (*Evangelii gaudium*, n. 27). I want this so that all can be seated at the Supper of the sacrifice of the Lamb and live from Him. *See www.vatican.va for full text.*