



# NEWSLETTER SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR C

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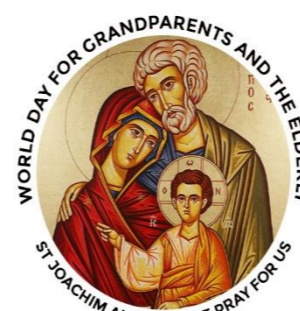
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24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

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Tuesday - Thursday 10am – 5pm

## WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022



This is the second year of the newest celebration in the liturgical calendar for us Catholics. As a family gathered with the grandparents check out online via our parish website [www.duleekbellewstownparish.com](http://www.duleekbellewstownparish.com) Pope Francis' message marking this special Day! 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, living close by or staying for sleep over or holidays, to the morning 10am 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.

*"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) Theme for this World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly 2022*

Dear Friends, "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future. Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly! [ ] Retirement and grown children make many of the things that used to occupy our time and energy no longer so pressing. The recognition that our strength is ebbing or the onset of sickness can undermine our certainties. The fast pace of the world – with which we struggle to keep up – seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless. We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" (71:9).

[ ] Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. "The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations". This would be our own contribution to the *revolution of tenderness*, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role. [ ] Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the *revolution of tenderness* in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God". Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be "the enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life".

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has "filled with days". Let us celebrate it together! I ask you to make this Day known in your parishes and communities; to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time! Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the *revolution of tenderness*, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war. To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me! *See the full text on [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)*

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Sunday 11am** Helen Myles 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.
- Tuesday 9:15am**
- Thursday 9:15am**
- Friday 9:15am**
- Sunday 11am** Missa pro populo.

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

- Saturday 6:30pm** Missa pro populo
- Saturday 6:30pm** Nicolas, Agnes, John & May Gogan; John Mongey; Christopher Nugent; Michael & Claire Reilly; Sean O'Neill.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 288  
 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 465  
 Blessings of the Grave collection Donore Old Graveyard €968  
**Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44**



**IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:** Myah Christine Gargan, Kingscourt.

**CROAGH PATRICK 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** Join with Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony on pilgrimage from Duleek & Donore Parishes to Croagh Patrick on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



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[www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

##### CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie)

##### VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark or [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie)

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Lotto: 8,12,15,17** No jackpot winner. 3 match's €20 each Sean Donoghue, Terry Kearns & Ita Devin. Next week's jackpot €5570. Reserve jackpot €1910. 50/50 draw next Monday night in the clubhouse at 8pm. Total prize fund given out so far is €1300.00. 50% of takings is given out to the first envelope drawn.  
**Cystic Fibrosis** national church gate collection this weekend. All monies collected will be allocated for local needs within the Meath Branch area.

