



NEWSLETTER TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR C

DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH

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The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3:1-12) The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Human greed, desertification and land misuse lead to the disintegration of ecosystems, the destruction of habitats, and the loss of livelihoods and species at an alarming rate. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that

we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This was a flame of the Spirit that revealed God's life sustaining presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed faithfully to deliverance from injustice. During the Season of Creation, this symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and *listen for the voice of creation*.

PAKISTAN Pope Francis had this to say following the Angelus in L'Aquila last Sunday; *"In this place that suffered a*



harsh calamity, I want to assure the people of Pakistan, hit by floods of disastrous proportions, of my nearness. I pray for the numerous victims, for the wounded and those forced from their homes, and that international solidarity might be prompt and generous". Irish Columban Missionaries live and work among the poorest in Sindh Providence Pakistan. During my sabbatical year I had the opportunity to visit and see the extraordinary solidarity the Irish priests and sisters so generously give to the Catholic community and others whose lives are desperately poor and unjust. Fr. Joe Joyce home

on his holidays in Tullamore is returning to Pakistan in two weeks and our collection will be taken by him to provide direct relief to those most affected by the monsoon floodings. **The Offertory collection next weekend will be a special collection to support those struggling amid the terrible flood destruction of their homes and way of life. Donations can also be made by online payment to Duleek Parish IBAN IE27 AIBK 9323 9604 1613 58 using reference Pakistan.**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE To have daily Holy Mass is a privilege and where possible it is a blessing to gather and participate in the celebration, offering the breaking of Word and Sacrament, not for any personal desire but for the needs of others, the Church and the world. With the availability of two priests, we strive to provide the opportunity for the celebration of Mass in both Donore and Duleek parishes during the week. Catholic priests are only permitted to offer one Mass each day, except for Sundays or exceptional pastoral needs as prescribed by the diocesan bishop. From the beginning of this month, when either Fr. Mark or Fr. Anthony is on holiday leave or pilgrimage, Mass will be offered on alternative days between both parishes. During the upcoming academic year Fr. Anthony will not be available on Thursdays and Fridays so the weekly schedule will adapt as such. The daily Mass times are changing to enable Fr. Mark spend adequate time with the sacramental classes in the seven parish primary schools and attend to other school issues, while also assisting in the Parish Office. Your understanding of this change is much appreciated. There is the addition too of pastoral care by Fr. Mark and

Fr. Anthony to the residents of the new Duleek Nursing Home, arrangements for which have been provided. It would be helpful if parishioners who attend daily Mass could offer a lift to others who may require assistance in travelling to the other churches when there is only one Mass scheduled. We are fortunate that it is only a short drive to get to Donore, Duleek or Bellewstown for Mass. As priests and people of God let us pray for one another and especially that *"the Lord of the harvest may provide labourers for the harvest"* (Luke 10:2).

BEATIFICATION Pope Francis will preside over the beatification Mass of Pope John Paul I in St. Peter's Square this Sunday, 4 September. During the beatification, the team of postulators will gift the Holy Father with a reliquary containing the relics of the new Blessed. Pope John Paul I's was the shortest papacy in modern history, reigning over the See of Peter for on 33 days. He was the first Pope to choose a double name, saying he did so in honour of his two predecessors: John XXIII and Paul VI. He was also the last in the long line of Italian-born Popes which began with Clement VII in 1523. His successors—John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis—have all praised the man known as *"The Smiling Pope"*. The miracle attributed to the new Blessed concerns the healing of an eleven-year-old girl who was dying with "severe acute inflammatory encephalopathy, a malignant refractory epileptic illness and septic shock". Her situation was very serious, characterized by numerous daily seizures and a septic state of bronchopneumonia. The initiative to invoke the intercession of Pope John Paul I had been taken by the parish priest under whose jurisdiction was the hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina. *Blessed Pope John Paul I, pray for us.*



MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Seamus Craven.

Tuesday 9am

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9am

Sunday 11am Frankie Smith

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6:30pm Missa pro populo.

Saturday 6:30pm Paddy Sheils 1st Ann.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket collection): € 255

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 394

Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number: IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 6,9,15,23 No jackpot winner. Consolation prizes €25 Samantha Coombes & Donal O'Kane. Next week's jackpot €5690. Reserve jackpot €2,010. Winner of August 50/50 draw is Maura Griffin €700. Thanks to everyone who supported this month's draw

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VOCATIONS

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priest for the Diocese of Meath?**
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LEAVING CERT Congratulations to the Class of 2022! It has been a truly difficult two years for this group of young people. We wish them every success and happiness as they follow their dreams! We assure them of our prayers as they discern what courses to take. In all their choices may they trust in Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit to inspire, guide and protect them in the years ahead.

**YOU PASSED
YOUR EXAMS!**



