NEWSLETTER *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A*

27TH NOVEMBER 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday **11am** Nicky Condra M.M
Tuesday **9am** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10am*
No Mass this Wednesday (9:30am in Bellewstown)
Thursday **9am** Parish List of the Dead
First Friday **9am** Parish List of the Dead
Sunday **11am** Marie McGovern 1st Ann; Mary Domegan; Margaret Finnegan; Nuala Goodman; Noel Lynch; Tony Murphy; James, Clare & Jim Reilly.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS This Thursday Fr. Mark & Fr. Anthony will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday **6:30pm** Christy Hand; John & Fiona Martin & dec Reilly & Martin families.

Saturday **6:30pm** Gerry Mullen M.M; Rosemary Mullen; Michael & Ronan McDonnell.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Offering): € 335
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 414
Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44

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If you prefer to use this QR code instead of the basket collection just scan your phone over it and follow the guide.

IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Oscar Presley Gogan, Donore.

VESTMENTS FOR MASS If anyone would like to make a donation for the purchase of new vestments, linen clothes, etc. it is always appreciated, as over time such items are purchased for the liturgical celebrations in our churches. Thanks to parishioners who assist our sacristans with the laundering and preparing things for our weekly liturgies.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 9, 10, 13, 23 No jackpot winner. Consolation prizes €25 Bridget T & Eoin Craven. Next week's jackpot €5,930.

The Knights of St Columbanus, Drogheda are holding an Advent Holy Hour on Friday the 2nd December 2022 in the Augustinian Church, Shop Street, Drogheda at 7pm. **Meath Befriending Service** aims to help reduce loneliness and isolation through a weekly home visit from a Befriender. To avail of this service or make a referral contact Eva 0858622496 or email eva.ofarrell@meathpartnership.ie

Meals on Wheels urgently require drivers and kitchen volunteers. If you can help please contact Maureen 0879932649.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
087-0931068
Annual Christmas Appeal Church gate collection will take place outside all churches next weekend of 3rd & 4th December

ACCORD
For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling
www.accord.ie

CHILD SAFEGUARDING
See the church notice boards and diocesan website *www.dioceseofmeath.ie*

ADVENT This weekend the new Liturgical Year of the Church begins, as do our preparations for Christmas. Let us focus more on the gift of faith and less on the gifts we worry and fret about buying! Make the time for lighting an Advent Wreath at home each day or for opening the doors on the Advent Calendar as we count down to Jesus' birthday. Pause and pray the Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of love and salvation. Think more of the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2022! Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet every Thursday from 8-8:30pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. To join in please email your request by lunch time Tuesday to duleekparish@gmail.com and a link will be forward to you. Just have a bible handy to aid your participation. We encourage young adults to join in and explore a little more the Word of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the Word of God made incarnate in Christ Jesus.

Please help decorate our parish JESSE TREES. To make the Jesse Tree ornaments you will need: glue; ribbon or yarn (preferably purple); and crayons, markers, paints or coloured pencils, and cardboard stock to create paper background for the ornaments. The symbols may be decorated with bits and pieces of bright coloured paper, cloth, wood, etc., that you may find around your home. You will also need a Bible. If there are very small children in the family, a Bible picture story book will help them understand the Bible stories used. We will use the Tree of Memory in the churches and turn it into our Jesse Tree. Before making a symbol first read with your parents or grandparents the Bible verses relating to the symbol. This will help you think of ways to illustrate your Bible verse. Use lots of creativity in making your symbol! You can use pictures from magazines or old cards. Or draw pictures or symbols yourself. Colour them with crayons, pencils, markers or paint. Look around the house for bits and pieces that will make your design more beautiful!

JESSE TREE Bible verses & suggested symbols Advent Week 2 ***Moses:*** Ex. 2:1-10 *Symbols:* **burning bush, Passover Lamb, two tablets of stone** ***Samuel:*** 1 Sam. 3:1-18 *Symbol:* **lamp, crown** ***Jesse:*** 1 Sam. 16:1-13 *Symbol:* **shepherd's staff** ***David:*** 1 Sam. 17:12-51 *Symbol:* **harp, 6-pointed star** ***Solomon:*** 1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28 *Symbol:*, **temple tower**

Bring your symbols to Mass next week, Fr. Mark and Fr. Anthony will invite you to hang them on the Jesse Tree

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS & OFFERING ENVELOPES are now ready for distribution and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Could all who help as distributors call to the Parish Office from Tuesday to Thursday this week.

The count down for ***WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 1ST-6TH AUGUST,*** which will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, has begun. It is time to save the date and prepare for the journey. Pope Francis has registered and invites those aged 18-35 to gather from all parts of the world in joyful celebration of the faith and identity we share in Jesus Christ, Saviour of the World. We look at the example of the young Mary of Nazareth and seek her to intercede and guide all young people. ***"MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE" LK. 1:39*** Follow www.dioceseofmeath.ie & Facebook: Meath Diocese WYD. Watch this space for more info in the coming weeks.

Pope Francis had this to say at his Angelus address last Sunday. *"I would like to extend a special thought and send my love to the young people! As of last year, the local Churches observe World Youth Day specifically on the Solemnity of Christ the King. The theme, the same as the next World Youth Day in Lisbon – I renew my invitation that you participate in it – is "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). Our Lady did this when she was young, and she tells us that the secret to remaining young is found precisely in those two verbs, to arise and to go. I like to think of Our Lady who went in haste. She really went quickly; she went in haste. And many times, I pray to Our Lady: "Hey, hurry up and resolve this problem!" To arise and to go – not to stay still thinking about ourselves, wasting our lives and chasing after comforts or the latest fads, but to aim for the heights, get on the move, leaving behind our own fears to take someone in need by the hand. And today, we need young people who are truly "transgressives", young people who are truly "transgressives", non-conformists, who are not slaves to their mobile phones, but who change the world like Mary, bearing Jesus to others, taking care of others, building fraternal communities with others, making dreams of peace come true!"*