



## NEWSLETTER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

**DONORE PARISH** WITH DULEEK PARISH

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Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 5pm



**ADVENT** "Fifteen days before Christmas, St. Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay". At this, his faithful friend went immediately to prepare all that the Saint had asked. On 25 December, friars came to

Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." Pope Francis, *ADMIRABILE SIGNUM* on the meaning and importance of the Nativity scene.

**BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB** Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses next weekend the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Next weekend you are welcome to seek the grace of this sacrament of healing. It is not necessary about saying anything, as God knows all, but humbly receiving the merciful love of God who unconditionally pardons our sins and rejoices in our being renewed in His abundant grace!*

*Let's stop what we are doing and be reconciled with God and one another! Please encourage family and friends to come back to God with all their hearts as we prepare for Christmas.*

### Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12-1pm & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10:30 - 11:30am & Christmas Eve 11-12noon**

Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet on Thursday from 8pm 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](mailto: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.

**JESSE TREE** Thanks to the children who took the time to make brilliant symbols for the Jesse Tress which has helped us all to understand better the family tree of Jesus. It is interesting to realise the background to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and to comprehend that his ancestors weren't so perfect but lived lives marked with sin and wrong doing no different to any of us or our families. Yet as God worked His divine plan through them, He continues to do so through us with his abundant grace and mercy. "Prepare you a way for the Lord".

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** As we begin this new liturgical year of the Catholic Church with the Season of Advent, naturally our focus in on the infant Jesus and indeed our own family focus is also centred upon our children too! It is their beautiful innocence which rightly leads us to understanding the simple meaning of Christmas, Jesus' birthday, which is easily lost in the added stress experienced these December days! The Season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Day, ends with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus though was baptised by John the Baptist as a grown man. It is only through Our Saviour's death and resurrection that we enter a new and everlasting baptism, one which promises eternal life with God the a Father in Heaven. In the Rite of Baptism "the Christian community welcomes with great joy" the one presented for Baptism. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) guides and prepares those who as adult men and women seek to become members of the Catholic Church. But for most it is at the request of parents and guardians that the gift of Baptism is sought. Let us reflect on our Baptism identity and the whole meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism as we journey long this Advent in preparation for Jesus' birthday party! This weekend of Guadate Sunday (Joyful Sunday) let us truly be joyful in the Good News message we share as believers in Christ, Saviour of the World. For seeking the Sacrament of Baptism please contact the Parish Office. The celebration of Baptism is no private matter but a celebration for the whole believing community. We welcome the extended families of those being presented for baptism to join with us in the Sunday Mass as we "the Christian community welcomes the newly baptised with great Joy"!

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Sunday 11am** Anthony Doonan & dec family; May Murphy; Maurice Stanley.

**Tuesday 9am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10am

No Mass this Wednesday (9:30am in Bellewstown)

**Thursday 9am** Missa pro populo

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**Sunday 11am** Patrick & Rita McLoone; Joe McWeeney & dec McWeeney & Holt families; Rosaleen Sheerin.

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

**Saturday 6:30pm** Breda, Sean & Julie Cogan; James & Julia Lynch; Helena Tully.

**Saturday 6:30pm** Molly & Joe Lowth; Joseph Maguire; Peter, Margaret, John & Anne McDermott; Paddy Shiels; Pat & Mary McGauran; Mary Tully.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Offering): € 500  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 496  
**Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number:**  
**IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44**



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**VESTMENTS FOR MASS** A word of thanks to those who so generously donated. It is much appreciated.



**IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:** Tiernan Brian Hearty; Cillan Callaghan-Burke

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Lotto: 2, 4, 11, 22** No jackpot winner. Consolation prize €25 to Lorna & Neill, John & Caroline O'Brien Next week's jackpot €5,970.

**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](mailto: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

#### ACCORD

For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling  
[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)

