



NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A*

DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH

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Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 5pm



LAST WEEK OF ADVENT Seek the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing which God freely offers by celebrating confession. 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! On Christmas Eve gather the family for prayer at the family crib, then light a candle or use the "safer battery one" and place it in the window or porch of the house as a sign of welcome to Our Lady & St. Joseph and a symbol of hospitality to those in need in our world of Christmas 2022.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Sunday 18th Dec. 10:30 - 11:30am & Christmas Eve 11-12noon

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB

As we bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from our family cribs for a blessing at our Masses this *Gaudete Sunday - Joyful Sunday* let us focus on the reality of how Jesus was born in a stable. As we do so let us count our blessings for the comforts we have in the place we call home! Let us also remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have no such comforts in so many parts of our world this Christmas 2022.

THIS IS JOY: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith. Even in dark moments, that inner joy, of knowing that the Lord is with me, that the Lord is with us, that the Lord is Risen. The Lord!

The Lord! The Lord! This is the centre of our life, and this is the centre of our joy. Think carefully today: how do I behave? Am I a joyful person who knows how to transmit the joy of being Christian, or am I always like those glum people, as I said before, who seem to be at a funeral wake? If I do not have the joy of my faith, I cannot bear and others will say: "But if faith is so sad, it is better not to have it". By praying the Angelus now, we see all of this fully realized in the Virgin Mary: she silently awaited God's Word of salvation; she welcomed it; she listened to it; she conceived it. In her, God became close. This is why the Church calls Mary a "Cause of our joy". Pope Francis, The Angelus, St. Peter's Square, Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday 2020

As a New Year resolution do consider committing an hour or even a half an hour to Adoration before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying for the needs of our local community and of the world at this time. *Adoration every Tuesday in Donore Church until 10am.*



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 (1ST-6TH AUGUST) will be celebrated in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a massive weeklong event, with Pope Francis, for young Catholics (aged 18-35) to gather and participate in from every corner of the world. Consider joining with others from your parish and the Diocese of Meath to share this experience of belonging to Jesus Christ. Perhaps it could be a great Christmas present for your family to support you with as you book your place. Cost €650 approx. All expenses included. To find out more checkout www.dioceseofmeath.ie Meath Diocese WYD.

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

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

Tuesday 9am Thomas & Ita Knight; Anne Walker Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10am

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

Thursday 9am Missa pro populo

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Christmas Eve 8pm Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)

Christmas Day 11am Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)

St Stephen's Day No Mass (10am in Duleek)

Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek

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

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6:30pm Molly & Joe Lowth; Joseph Maguire; Peter, Margaret, John & Anne McDermott; Paddy Shiels;

Pat & Mary McGauran; Mary Tully.

Christmas Eve 6pm Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Christmas Eve **5pm & 9pm** Christmas Day **9am & 12 Noon** St Stephen's Day **10am**

ST. THÉRÈSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN Christmas Eve **7pm** Christmas Day **10am**



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Offering): € 345
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 283
Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 4, 6, 12, 23 No jackpot winner. Consolation prize €25 Sharon Brereton & Kathleen Fields.

Next week's jackpot €5,990.

Next week the 19th is the last draw before Christmas, draw will resume on 9th January 2023.

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

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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

VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark or www.dioceseofmeath.ie

