



## NEWSLETTER THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

**DONORE PARISH** WITH DULEEK PARISH

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Tuesday - Thursday 10am – 5pm

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Sunday 11am** Rose Lawlor

*No Mass this Tuesday (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10am)*

*Wednesday 7.30am Mass for Lent St Cianán's Church, Duleek*

**Thursday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Friday 11am** St Patricks Day Missa pro populo

**Sunday 11am** James Domegan

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

**Saturday 6:30pm** Missa pro populo

**Thursday 6:30pm** Missa pro populo

**Saturday 6:30pm** Patrick & Mary Gough.

**ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK**

**Saturday 7.30pm** **Sunday 9am & 12noon** **Thursday 9.30am & 7.30pm** **Friday St Patricks 9am & 12noon**

**ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN**

**Sunday 10.00am** **Wednesday 9.30am** **Friday St Patricks Day 10am**



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Offering): € 370  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 333  
**Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number:**  
**IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44**



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### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Lotto: 2, 8, 19, 24** No jackpot winner. Consolation prizes €25 Matthew Curran & John Shields  
Next week's jackpot €6,190.

**Duleek Cardiac First Response Group** are holding a fundraising table quiz in The Carranstown Lodge on Thursday 6th April starting at 9pm. Tickets for our Easter raffle are now on sale priced €3 each from all responders, Haven pharmacy, Duleek and Duleek Dry Cleaners.

### Society of St Vincent de Paul

Would you like to help those in need of support and friendship?

Join our local SVP Team to help with visitation, IT or accounting.

For volunteer information please email

[Kathryn.corrigan@svp.ie](mailto:Kathryn.corrigan@svp.ie) or  
freephone 1800 677 777 (2)

### 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)

LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG - HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



Wishing everyone a most enjoyable day and every blessing to you and your families; thinking especially of family members living abroad.



The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to "LIGHT THE FIRE". 5pm Vespers on the Hill of Slane, followed by a procession to the Church of St. Patrick, Slane (weather permitting). Mass celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty followed by Adoration. All are welcome.

### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

**Congratulations to the children and their families who celebrated the joy of God's forgiveness in making their first Confession today (Saturday).** Never hesitate in seeking the grace of this Sacrament, especially if things on your mind are weighing you down. Seek God's sacramental forgiveness for our sins and go to confession. It does not matter how long it is since your last confession nor what you have to say! God's love and mercy expressed in this Sacrament is unconditional; He only waits for you to restore your relationship with him and those around you. Think about going to Confession for Easter!



As we continue our spiritual journey of Lent, remember too that as Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday (except St. Patrick's Day!!) and if possible every Wednesday, so perhaps you might also consider keeping this practice over the weeks of Lent! During Lent there will be Mass every Wednesday morning at 7.30am in St Cianán's Church, Duleek. Fr. Mark will also host a zoom meet every Thursday from 8:30-9pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Perhaps this week and every Friday visit the Church and walking around reflect upon the Stations of the Cross.

**MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2023** on the theme: "Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey"

"The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal. The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church." See [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) for full text

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY** Bishop Michael Smith celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his priestly Ordination on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. A native of Oldcastle in County Meath, Bishop Michael Smith was born in 1940. Following studies at the Pontifical Irish College, Rome, he was ordained a priest on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1963 in the Basilica of St. John Lateran by Cardinal Traglia, Cardinal-Bishop of Albano. He was subsequently ordained an auxiliary Bishop of Meath 29<sup>th</sup> January 1984 and co-adjutor Bishop of Meath on 10th October 1988. Bishop Smith retired in 2018. We give thanks for his prayerful witness, and his unwavering fidelity and service to the Church. May God continue to bless him with good health, a peaceful heart, and a cheerful spirit. *Ad multos annos.*

**PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY** "What does it mean to be the People of God?", Pope Francis asked in a weekly audience. "Being the Church, being the People of God, means being God's leaven in this our humanity", and the mission of the People of God, the Pope continued, is "to bring God's hope and salvation to the world: to be a sign of the love of God who calls all to friendship with him." The Council expressed its earnestness in this developed understanding of the People of God when it 'earnestly entreats all the laity in the Lord to answer gladly, nobly, and promptly the more urgent invitation of Christ in this hour and the impulse of the Holy Spirit.' The gifts of the Holy Spirit expressed in the ministries and charisms are given for the building up of the Body of Christ and for its mission of salvation in the world. Indeed, the Church directed and guided by the Holy Spirit, calls each in an individual way, active and coresponsible. This call to active, coresponsible participation by the laity in the mission of the Church also has foundation in Scripture: 'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour (Luke 4:18-19). The mission of Jesus is clearly defined in this passage from the Gospel of Luke and in turn defines the mission and pastoral action of every local church. Christifideles Laici, brings focus on the vocation and mission of the lay faithful in the Church and in the world. Church communion then is a gift, a great gift of the Holy Spirit, to be gratefully accepted by the lay faithful, and at the same time to be lived with a deep sense of responsibility. This is concretely realized through their participation in the life and mission of the Church, to whose service the lay faithful put their varied and complementary ministries and charisms." During the weeks of Lent let us reflect and pray in preparation for the forming of our Parish Pastoral Assembly in the Season of Easter.

