



NEWSLETTER SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

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THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Congratulations to all the candidates who celebrated their Confirmation Day in St Cianán's Church, Duleek. May they, with their families support, continue to grow in the Faith and bear witness to the ways of Christ Jesus, with the inexhaustible grace of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all who so kindly helped prepare the church with the cleaning, flower arrangements and sacristan duties. Thanks also to the principals, teachers and staff for their huge support instructing the candidates; we extend our gratitude to all in our parish schools.



During this season of Lent put aside an extra bit of time for prayer, daily Mass, or Eucharistic Adoration. Maybe set up a sacred space/altar in your home with the Bible at the centre and use the Trocaire Box as a visible reminder of how fortunate we are and of what we can share with those whose needs are greater. And of course we are called to give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Facebook time as a way of fasting! Remember too that as Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Missa pro populo
Tuesday 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10am
Wednesday 7.30am Mass for Lent St Cianán's Church, Duleek
Thursday 9am Missa pro populo
Friday 9am
Sunday 11am Rose Lawlor

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6:30pm Paddy Kinsella; Teresa Smith.
Saturday 6:30pm Missa pro populo

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7.30pm **Sunday 9am & 12noon** **Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 9.30am**

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10.00am **Wednesday 9.30am**



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Offering): € 327
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 473
Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Lotto: 6, 8, 17, 25 No jackpot winner. Consolation prizes €25 The Oldbridge 6 & Kirstie Coombes Next week's jackpot €6,170.
Donore Rossnaree Drama Group presents a comedy "Widows Paradise" in Droichead Arts Centre from 8th-11th March. Proceeds on Wed 8th are for Motor Neuron; Thursday 9th March Donore NS; Friday 10th St Brigid's NS; Sat 11th March Drama group funds. Tickets can be purchased online for €15 @ www.droichead.com or contact 0419833946.
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 or freephone 1800 677 777 (2)

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2023 on the theme: "Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey"
"Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience" See www.vatican.va for full text

PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY In the Encyclical, 'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis urges the entire Church "to embark on a new chapter of evangelism". He firmly believes the parish is not an outdated institution, precisely because it possesses great flexibility, creativity, generosity of spirit, and parishioners on fire with the Holy Spirit who are willing to share in Christ's mission of evangelisation. [] If a parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, is missionary in nature, supported in prayer, and open to the Holy Spirit, it will continue to be 'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters'. [] At parish level, structures such as Parish Pastoral Assemblies express the shared responsibility of all the baptised for the mission of Christ. The pastoral leadership provided by Parish Pastoral Assemblies furthers this work of the Church in a genuine spirit of collaboration, dialogue, prayer, discernment and pastoral action. Pope Francis endorsed the work of Parish Pastoral Councils when he said, "How necessary pastoral councils are! A Bishop cannot guide a Diocese without pastoral councils. A Parish Priest cannot guide without pastoral councils." 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL Thanks to everyone who so generously contributed to the special collection take up at Masses last weekend. **Donations can still be made online to Duleek Parish IBAN IE27 AIBK 9323 9604 1613 58 using reference Earthquake Appeal.** All donations received will be sent to the local catholic church in both regions affected, this will be done through the Papal Nunciature in Dublin.



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. Event details: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony or 041 983 0441.

