



NEWSLETTER THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY 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 Celia Brady; Maria Brodigan; William & Mary Gogarty & dec Gogarty & Hanratty families.

Tuesday 9-10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

No Mass on Wednesday (9.30am Bellewstown)

No Mass this Thursday (9.30am Duleek)

Friday 9am Parish List of the Dead.

Sunday 11am James, Mary & Philip Murphy: Dec Murphy & Pentony families;
Joe, Agnes, Joe, Bernard & Liam McWeeney; Dec priests of the parish.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6:30pm Parish List of the Dead.

Saturday 6:30pm Nora Farrelly; Denis & Bridget Ryan; Betty Smyth.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 515
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 416
Donore Fund Account:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



If you have no cash you can just scan your phone over this QR code to contribute to the basket collection.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 3, 19, 21, 22 No Jackpot winner
Consolation prizes €25 Croia Ledwidge & Debbie Bishop
Next week's jackpot €3,640.

Donore National School are hosting a Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December 11am-4pm. Lots of crafts, music and delicious treats. Now taking applications for traders. For more information email officedonore@gmail.com or call 041-9880118.

Meath Partnership are looking for volunteers who would like to make new connections and build new friendships, supporting and encouraging participants to practice and improve their language skills through informal community based conversational English classes. Classes are informal and conversational and whilst teaching experience can be useful, being chatty and welcoming is just as valuable. Classes will be held in Saint Mary's Parish Hall, Donore on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. Start date to be confirmed. For more information contact Emma on 089-4366894.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087-0931068

Annual Christmas Appeal Church gate collection will take place outside all churches the weekend of 2nd & 3rd 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

VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

A process for anyone enquiring about becoming a Catholic and for those baptised who never celebrated the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation. More info on all the above on www.dioseseofmeath.ie



MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE VII WORLD DAY OF THE POOR.

“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7).

This, the seventh annual World Day of the Poor, is a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy and a support for the lives of our communities. As its celebration becomes more and more rooted in the pastoral life of the Church, it enables us to discover ever anew the heart of the Gospel. Our daily efforts to welcome the poor are still not enough. A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity. For this reason, on the Sunday before the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe, we gather around his Table to receive from him once more the gift and strength to live lives of poverty and to serve the poor. “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7). These words help us to understand the essence of our witness. By reflecting on the Book of Tobit, a little-known text of the Old Testament, yet one that is charming and full of wisdom, we can better appreciate the message the sacred writer wished to communicate. [] Tobit, in his time of trial, discovers his own poverty, which enables him to recognize others who are poor. He is faithful to God's law and keeps the commandments, but for him this is not enough. He can show practical concern for the poor because he has personally known what it is to be poor. His advice to Tobias thus becomes his true testament: “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (4:7). In a word, whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus. Let us carefully consider his words: “from anyone who is poor”. Everyone is our neighbour. Regardless of the colour of their skin, their social standing, the place from which they came, if I myself am poor, I can recognize my brothers or sisters in need of my help. We are called to acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being. We are living in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard. We are inclined to neglect anything that varies from the model of life set before the younger generation, those who are most vulnerable to the cultural changes now taking place. We disregard anything that is unpleasant or causes suffering, and exalt physical qualities as if they were the primary goal in life. Virtual reality is overtaking real life, and increasingly the two worlds blend into one. The poor become a film clip that can affect us for a moment, yet when we encounter them in flesh and blood on our streets, we are annoyed and look the other way. Haste, by now the daily companion of our lives, prevents us from stopping to help care for others. The parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.



CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING To celebrate the Feast of Christ the King next Sunday 26th November there will be a 40 Hours Adoration beginning with Mass at 7:30 pm on Friday 24th, concluding with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm on Sunday 26th. As part of the 40 Hours Devotion, Confessions will be heard continually from 12 noon to 12 midnight on Saturday 25th November. While each parish of the diocese will be assigned to a particular hour of adoration, people are in no way restricted to their parish's hour. It is hoped that people from around

the Diocese will come to the Cathedral during this time to pray. Bishop Tom has asked that prayers would be offered for the following intentions during the weekend; for the children preparing for the Sacraments and for their families, that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist; for a return to the Sunday Mass in our parish communities; for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese. “Only in adoration, only in the presence of the Lord, do we truly rediscover our taste and passion for evangelization. Oddly enough, we have lost the prayer of adoration; and everyone, priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, need to recover it, this ability to be quiet in the Lord's presence.” Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2023 **Our Parishes of Duleek and Donore have been assigned to the hour 3-4pm on Sunday 26th Let us make a commitment to represent our parishes at this Diocesan wide celebration of our Faith. A bus has been booked to make it easier for people to travel and participate in the Holy Hour and the Vespers of the Feast of Christ the King at which the new Papal Nuncio (The Ambassador of the Pope) Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor. To book places on the bus (donation only) please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Pick up times from the churches in Donore and Duleek and more details next week.**



The ACN Ireland Week of Witness 19th-26th November is an invitation to us to bear witness to the heroic example of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Faith across the world. St. Cianán's church will be illuminated in red to show that the sacrifice and suffering of the persecuted Church is an ongoing reality in. We invite you on Red Wednesday 22nd to wear a red tie or scarf as a mark of the blood lost by Christians in defence of our Faith. And to pray during the week for the suffering and persecuted Church at the hours of the Angelus, 12noon and 6pm. ACN Ireland are so grateful for your prayers and donations to help make this a reality by the Grace of God. www.acnireland.org

YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING (+18 years) will take place in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Donore at 7.30pm on Friday 1st December. This is a monthly gathering, taking place in different parishes each month, for young adults in the Diocese of Meath to join together for prayer, reflection & discussion, assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please share the invite and bring a friend or two along. Contact Fr Mark for more info.

