



# NEWSLETTER FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR A

**DONORE PARISH** WITH DULEEK PARISH

PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

**Tuesday 9am** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 9am** Parish List of the Dead.

**Thursday 9am** Parish List of the Dead.

**First Friday 9am** Parish List of the Dead.

**Sunday 11am** Austin Monaghan M.M.; Noel Lynch; Tony Murphy.

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

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

**Saturday 6:30pm** Christy Hand; Molly & Joe Lowth; Joseph Maguire; Michael & Ronan McDonnell.

### FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION

CALLS The Priests will do communion calls this Thursday.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 245  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 431  
**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.



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND;** Bennie Boyle (Muldoon), Sheffield, UK formerly of Lougher, Rossnaree.

**YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING** (+18 years) will take place in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Donore at 7.30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Lotto: 1, 12, 16, 22** No Jackpot winner  
Consolation prizes €25 Mark Henry & Jim McDonnell  
Next week's jackpot €3,660.

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

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087-0931068

**Annual Christmas Appeal Church gate collection will take place outside all churches next weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

### 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

### 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](http://www.dioseseofmeath.ie)

**OUR NEW CURATE** This weekend we welcome Fr. Declan Kelly CC to our parishes as he takes up his new appointment from Bishop Tom. Since Fr. Declan's ordination as a priest for the Diocese of Meath in September 2014 he has served as curate in the parishes of Trim, Dunshaughlin and Dunboyne. As it happens there are two priests called Fr. Declan Kelly in our Diocese. Many of you would have known Fr. Declan Snr. when he was the parish priest of Stamullen! Our Fr. Declan Jnr. will live in the Curate's House (no doubt soon called Fr. Declan's House) beside the Hermit's House, where Fr. David Jones resides in Duleek. We wish Fr. Declan every blessing and a very warm welcome these winter days to this great part of our Diocese! As Fr. Declan settles in please keep him and the other priests and parishes affected by these new Diocesan Changes in our prayers.



**CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING** To celebrate the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November there will be a 40 Hours concluding with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. As part of the 40 Hours Devotion. 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 tomorrow Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Let us make a commitment to represent our parishes at this Diocesan wide celebration of our Faith.**



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN IRELAND

The ACN Ireland Week of Witness 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November concludes today. With illuminating St. Cianán's church in red to show that the sacrifice and suffering of the persecuted Church is an ongoing reality in and by our prayers we have borne witness to the heroic example of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Faith across the world. ACN Ireland are grateful for your prayers and support. See. [www.acnireland.org](http://www.acnireland.org)

**ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK** in preparation we invite our children in the parish to learn more about: **THE STORY OF THE JESSE** Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. In Church art a design developed showing the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical personages. This design showed a branched tree growing from a reclining figure of Jesse. The various branches had pictures of other Old and New Testament figures who were ancestors of Jesus. At the top of the tree were figures of Mary and Jesus. This design was used mostly in stained glass windows in some of the great medieval cathedrals of Europe. The Cathedral of Chartres, France (which was dedicated in 1260) has a particularly beautiful Jesse Tree window. Another development in religious art during the Middle Ages was that of Mystery Plays—drama that depicted various Bible stories or lives of Saints and Martyrs. These plays were performed in churches as part of the liturgical celebrations. One such play was based on the Bible account of the fall of Adam and Eve. The "Tree of Life" used during the play was decorated with apples. Combining the two ideas of the stained glass Jesse Tree window and the Tree of Life from the Mystery Play we come up with our Jesse Tree Advent project. This custom has been used for years to help Christians to prepare for Christmas. It's the Family Tree of our Faith!

**Please help decorate our parish JESSE** To make the Jesse Tree ornaments you will need: glue; ribbon or yarn (preferably purple); and crayons, markers, paints or coloured pencils, and cardboard stock to create paper background for the ornaments. The symbols may be decorated with bits and pieces of bright coloured paper, cloth, wood, etc., that you may find around your home. You will also need a Bible. If there are very small children in the family, a Bible picture story book will help them understand the Bible stories used. We will use the Tree of Memory in the churches and turn it into our Jesse Tree. Before making a symbol first read with your parents or grandparents the Bible verses relating to the symbol. This will help you think of ways to illustrate your Bible verse. Use lots of creativity in making your symbol! You can use pictures from magazines or old cards. Or draw pictures or symbols yourself. Colour them with crayons, pencils, markers or paint. Look around the house for bits and pieces that will make your design more beautiful!

**JESSE TREE Bible verses and suggested symbols: Advent Week 1 Creation:** Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-4 **Symbols: sun, moon, stars, earth Adam and Eve:** Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24 Gen. 3:1-7 and 23-24 **Symbols: tree, serpent, apple Noah:** Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22 **Symbols: ark, animals, dove, rainbow Abraham:** Gen. 12:1-3 **Symbols: torch, sword, mountain Isaac:** Gen. 22:1-14 **Symbols: bundle of wood, altar, ram. Jacob:** Gen. 25:1-34; 28:10-15 **Symbols: kettle, ladder Joseph:** Gen. 37:23-28; 45:3-15 **Symbols: bucket, well, silver coins, coat of many colours. Bring your symbols to Mass next week and hang them on the Jesse Tree.**



