



# NEWSLETTER *FIRST SUNDY OF ADVENT YEAR A*

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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Sunday 11am** Austin Monaghan M.M; Noel Lynch; Tony Murphy; Sarah Murray & dec family.

*No Mass on Tuesday 9- 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Wednesday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Thursday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Friday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Sunday 11am** Anthony Doonan; Nuala Goodman; Maurice Stanley.

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

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

**Saturday 6:30pm** Sean, Breda & Julie Cogan; James & Julia Lynch; Helena Tully.



**ADVENT** This weekend the new Liturgical Year of the Church begins, as do our preparations for Christmas. Let us focus more on the gift of faith and less on the gifts we worry and fret about buying! Make the time for lighting an Advent Wreath at home each day or for opening the doors on the Advent Calendar as we count down to Jesus' birthday. Pause and pray the Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of love and salvation. Think more of the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2023! Fr. Mark will host a zoom meet every Thursday from 8-8:30pm for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. To join in please email your request by lunch time Tuesday to [duleekparish@gmail.com](mailto:duleekparish@gmail.com) and a link will be forward to you. Just have a bible handy to aid your participation. We encourage young adults to join in and explore a little more the Word of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the Word of God made incarnate in Christ Jesus.

**Please help decorate our parish JESSE TREES.** 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 & suggested symbols Advent Week 2** *Moses:* Ex. 2:1-10 *Symbols:* burning bush, **Passover Lamb, two tablets of stone** *Samuel:* 1 Sam. 3:1-18 *Symbol:* lamp, crown *Jesse:* 1 Sam. 16:1-13 *Symbol:* shepherd's staff *David:* 1 Sam. 17:12-51 *Symbol:* harp, **6-pointed star** *Solomon:* 1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28 *Symbol:*, temple tower



**Bring your symbols to Mass next week and the priest will invite you to hang them on the Jesse Tree.**



**BISHOP DEENIHAN CONVENES DIOCESAN CONFERENCE FOR PRIESTS** Priests from the 69 parishes of our Diocese recently assembled in Cavan to begin a process of reflection on the future of priestly ministry and pastoral life in parishes in the Diocese of Meath. During this assembly, new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes, the provision of sacraments, personnel and resources, faith formation and the welfare of priests were considered in the context of the mission of the Church and the desire to sustain vibrant faith communities. The establishment and supporting of Parish Pastoral Assemblies was deemed a necessary structure in every parish. It was also agreed that there would have to be consultation and engagement with local Pastoral Assemblies before any developments occur. While there are no simple solutions to these issues, parishes are encouraged to commend this work to their prayers as the Diocese, the Diocesan Pastoral Assembly and the various Parish Pastoral Assemblies consider the next steps in the process.



**LAUDATE DEUM** An extract from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS:** *If there is sincere interest in making COP28 a historic event that honours and ennobles us as human beings, then one can only hope for binding forms of energy transition that meet three conditions: that they be efficient, obligatory and readily monitored. This, in order to achieve the beginning of a new process marked by three requirements: that it be drastic, intense and count on the commitment of all. That is not what has happened so far, and only a process of this sort can enable international politics to recover its credibility, since only in this concrete manner will it be possible to reduce significantly carbon dioxide levels and to prevent even greater evils over time. May those taking part in the Conference be strategists capable of considering the common good and the future of their children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses. In this way, may they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame. To the powerful, I can only repeat this question: "What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power, only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?"*

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 340  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 311  
**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: 5, 22, 24, 25** No Jackpot winner  
Consolation prizes €25 Anne Carroll & Aoife Walsh  
Voucher winner Fergus Flood  
Next week's jackpot €3,680.

**Donore National School** are hosting a Christmas Fair this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11am-4pm. Lots of crafts, music and delicious treats. Your support is greatly appreciated. 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 this 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)

## CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As families and local faith communities we continue to encourage our parents as they support the children along the journey of preparing for the celebrations of these sacraments in 2024. This weekend the children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we prepare the way for Jesus in our home this Christmas.



