



NEWSLETTER SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm



ADVENT 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!

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses next weekend the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

"The Nativity Scene is the suggestive place where we contemplate Jesus, who having assumed our wretchedness, invites us to do likewise through our acts of mercy." Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

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

Tuesday 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Sunday 11am Rosaleen Sheerin.

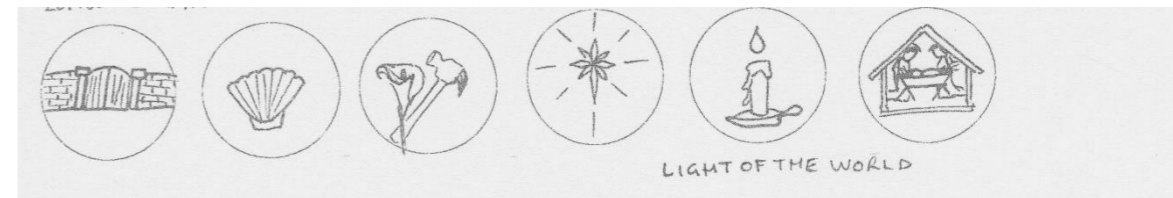
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

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

Saturday 6:30pm Tom, Kathleen, & Sr Patricia Everard; John & Fiona Martin & dec Martin & Reilly families; Maisie & Pat McGauran; Peter, Margaret, John & Anne McDermott ; Paddy Shiels ; Mary Tully.

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!

JESSE TREE Bible verses and suggested symbols Advent Week 3 *Jesus is Wisdom:* Sirach or Ecclesiasticus 24:2; Wisdom 8:1 *Symbol: oil lamp. Joseph:* Matt. 1:18-25 *Symbol: hammer. Mary:* Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38 *Symbol: lily. John the Baptist:* Mark 1:1-8 *Symbol: shell with water. Jesus is Lord:* Ex. 3:2; 20:1 *Symbols: burning bush. Jesus is Flower of Jesse:* Isaiah 11:1-3 *Symbols: flower. Jesus is Key of David:* Isaiah 22:22 *Symbols: key. Jesus is the Radiant Dawn:* Psalm 19:6-7 (in older Bibles this will be Psalm 18) *Symbols: sun rising. Jesus is King of the Gentiles:* Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20 *Symbols: crown Jesus is Emmanuel:* Isaiah 7:14; 33:22 *Symbols: chalice and host. Jesus is Light of the World:* John 1:1-14 *Symbols: candle*

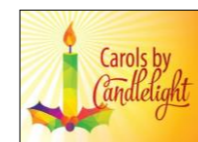


Bring your symbols to Mass next week when the priest will invite you to hang them on the Jesse Tree.

YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING (+18 years) will take place in St. Patrick's Church Trim at 7:30pm on Friday 12th January. This is an opportunity for young adults 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. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English for more info: duleekparish@gmail.com.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME by the Ceilí Community, Kilbeggan with the support of the Diocese of Meath commencing early February 2024. For young people between 18 – 30, it is a course of 8 modules, one weekend a month. Equips with knowledge, skills, practical tools and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive ministry with youth in parishes. Accredited by St Mary's University College, Queen's University, Belfast. Tuition fees cost approx. €120 per module. For more information email school@ceilicomunity.net or call/text 087 9789150.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS & OFFERING ENVELOPES are now being distribution and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. These are also available in the front porches of both churches if you have not received one at your house.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT takes place in St. Theresé's, Bellewstown Sunday 17th December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 510
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 446
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: 11, 12, 20, 25 No Jackpot winner
Consolation prizes €50 Susan Lenehan
Voucher winner Paul Dunne
Next week's jackpot €3,700.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Helpline 1800 677 777 or
Contact 087-0931068

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

HOSPITALITY A cuppa will be provided after the 11am Mass in Donore. Everyone is welcome as we share a few minutes of hospitality, especially getting to know new parishioners or visitors passing by. Feel free to bring a few buns etc every second Sunday of the month.



VESTMENTS FOR MASS If anyone would like to make a donation for the purchase of new vestments, linen cloths, etc. it is always appreciated, as over time such items are purchased for the liturgical celebrations in our churches. Thanks to parishioners who assist our sacristans with the laundering and preparing things for our weekly liturgies.

