



NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B* 28TH JANUARY 2024

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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Missa pro populo
Tuesday 9am *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
Wednesday 9am Missa pro populo.
Thursday 9am *Feast of St Brigid*
First Friday 9am *Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord – Parish List of the Dead.*
Saturday *Feast of St. Blaise with the Blessing of the Throats (St Cianan's, Duleek 9.30am)*

Sunday 11am Leontia & Liam Everard; Mary Leongson; Patrick & Essie McGuinness.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6:30pm Patricia Lenehan.

Saturday 6:30pm Missa pro populo

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION

CALLS This Thursday Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound in Duleek and Fr Declan will call to those in Donore.



FEAST OF ST. BRIGID, 1ST FEBRUARY To mark the Feast of St. Brigid, Thursday 1st February, it would be great if parishioners who have some free time could make a few extra crosses to bring to this Mass in Duleek or Donore for blessing and distribution. It is an Irish tradition for such crosses to be placed in farm sheds to protect the animals from any harm and to seek God's blessing upon all involved in farming as we in Ireland mark the beginning of springtime!

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/CANDLEMAS DAY 2ND FEBRUARY Blessing of candles for use during Masses in our churches and at the Vigil or Wakes during the year and other occasions of family prayer in the home. Please bring any candles you want blessed to the 9am Mass in Donore. After this Feast Day the cribs are taken down. It is also *World Day for Consecrated Life* when we acknowledge and pray for the religious sisters, religious brothers, lay men and women who have taken consecrated vows in the Church, remembering especially those from our parish.



YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING (+18 years) will take place in St. Mary's Church, Drogheda at 7:30pm on Friday 2nd February, *The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple*. This is an opportunity for young adults to join together for adoration, 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. For more information please contact Fr Mark.

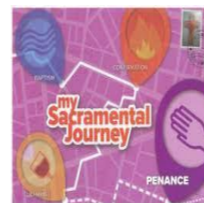


THE GIFT OF LOVE Appreciating the commitment couples make in the Sacred Marriage vows we especially offer our love and support to the Newly Weds of 2023! We invite those who got married in our parishes last year to join with us at the 7:30pm Mass in St Cianan's, Duleek on Saturday 17th February when as a faith community we mark St. Valentine's by expressing our solidarity with you and bless you and your family with our prayers and best wishes!

BLESSING OF HANDS To mark the World Day of the Sick we invite all carers, nurses, doctors and others who assist those in our community who are sick to attend the 11am Mass in Donore on Sunday 11th February during which we will have a ceremony for the blessing of hands. *On 22nd June we will celebrate Mass for the Sick in St Cianan's Duleek when it is a warmer time of the year to gather!*



ASH WEDNESDAY In preparation for the beginning of Lent on 14th February could you please bring the old palms or crosses to Mass next weekend and place them in the baskets at the altar. These will then be burnt to be used for the blessing and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.



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. Next weekend the children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we celebrate The Saints. We would especially encourage the children for Confirmation to celebrate the Saint whose name you are taking for Confirmation.

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES 2024/25 The new Parish Envelope Boxes begin this weekend. We are most grateful for the kind assistance the volunteer distributors provided in recent weeks. Again a huge thanks to everyone for your constant support to both the Development Fund and the Mass Offertory (basket) Collection. The basket or plate collection at Mass meets the weekly running cost of the parish, while the Parish Envelope is for the maintenance and development fund of the parish. Many parishioners choose to make an annual contribution or by using banking online facilities. Our Parish Bank details are detailed in the newsletter if you wish to set up your weekly, monthly or annual contribution in this way. Every person's or family's contribution makes a huge difference to paying the bills and ensuring the best facilities we can provide for the celebration of public worship and the support of the priest and staff of the parish. Sincere thanks again to everyone. The new Parish Envelope Boxes are due to begin on the 4th February and you may notice that you have been allocated a new box number, this is to reduce the amount of boxes having to be printed. Thanks again to everyone, your support is greatly appreciated.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 324
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 384
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: 9, 11, 18, 19 No Jackpot winner
Consolation prizes €50 Dee Flood
Next week's jackpot €3,800

Duleek Community First Responders are now taking expressions of interest from those who may be interested in becoming a community first responder in the future. If you are living within 5km of Duleek church (including Donore & Bellewstown) and may be interested in volunteering with us please get in touch by emailing duleekcfr@gmail.com. You do not need any medical training as training will be provided by our own instructors. You will need access to a vehicle and also undergo Garda vetting.

CEMETERY SUNDAY WEEKEND JULY 13TH/14TH 2024

Blessing of the graves will take place on Saturday 13th July at 4pm in Donore Old Cemetery, 5pm Leck Cemetery and 6.30pm in Knockcommon Cemetery. On Sunday 14th at 11am in Donore Cemetery. Please note that no individual mass intentions will be taken cemetery Sunday weekend as all mass will be offered for those buries in our cemeteries.



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

