



NEWSLETTER THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR B

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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE
Sunday *Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord* 11am James Markey.

Tuesday 9am *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday 9am Missa pro populo.

Thursday 9am Missa pro populo.

Friday 9am Missa pro populo.

Sunday 11am Missa pro populo.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6:30pm Missa pro populo.

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MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 390
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 398
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.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

As a New Year resolution do consider committing an hour or even a half an hour to Adoration before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying for the needs of our local community and of the world at this time. Adoration every Tuesday in Donore Church until 10am.

If anyone has Christmas presents that they were given and have no great need for them and would like to give them to charity you may leave them at the crib in the churches this weekend. Can you mark the presents for men/women/children and age group.



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



GETTING MARRIED! Congratulations to couples who may have become engaged over the Christmas & New Year celebrations. Be assured of the prayers of the parish community as you begin to make preparations for your Wedding Day. For those intending to celebrate the Sacrament here in Duleek or Bellewstown please contact the Parish Office before booking any venue for the wedding reception in case the dates are not available. As the New Year begins, couples already booked for 2024 should double check with the Parish Office that all is okay. Please note that at least six-month's notice must be given if intending to get married abroad, as there are important Church documents to be completed and sent to the place where the Sacrament will be celebrated. Keep in mind that the Sacrament of Marriage can be celebrated without Mass. Also for a valid celebration of this Sacrament you only need present the bride and groom, a priest or deacon and two witnesses. We seek God's blessing upon all couples as they prepare for Sacred Marriage.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM As we celebrate this *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* it is an occasion to appreciate the gift that is Baptism and the responsibility of us to foster and share the Faith with those around us; principally within the dynamic of family life at home and by extension with the wider family of the Church at parish and universal level. The Sacrament of Baptism in our parish is celebrated every Sunday on request. Baptism is never a private occasion but always a parish faith community event and we keep all families preparing for baptism in our prayers. To request the Sacrament of Baptism please contact the Parish Office. There is also the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (the RCIA) programme which the Diocese provides for adults who seek to become members of the Catholic Church. Please keep this in mind if ever a friend or colleague who is not baptised expresses a desire to know more of the Faith we share in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS: ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY THE HOLY CHURCH ANNOUNCES.

Know dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced

at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 14th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 31st day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 9th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 19th day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 2nd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 1st day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

Today marks the end of the Season of Christmas. The Crib however remains up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on 2nd February. In the weeks ahead pray at the Crib for the special intentions of every family in our parish, in particular for those with new born babies. As we count our blessings, let us also be mindful of those who, like Our Lady, St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, have to flee as refugees seeking safety for their families in other countries far from their home.

