



# NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

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**21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024**  
*SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD*

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**THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy. Through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel; Christ is the centre and fullness of all Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments. Listening to the Gospel, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, is characterised by a special veneration, expressed not only by gestures and acclamations, but by the Book of the Gospels itself. The arrangement of the biblical readings laid down by the Church in the Lectionary opens the way to understanding the entirety of God's word. The proclamation of the texts of the Lectionary

constitutes a bond of unity between all the faithful who hear them. In the homily, beginning with the biblical readings, the mysteries of faith and the norms of the Christian life are explained throughout the liturgical year. Particular importance is attached to silence which, by favouring meditation, allows the word of God to be received inwardly by the listener. The Church has always paid particular attention to those who proclaim the word of God in the assembly: priests, deacons and readers. This ministry requires specific interior and exterior preparation, familiarity with the text to be proclaimed and the necessary practice in the way of proclaiming it clearly, avoiding all improvisation. Because of the importance of the word of God, the Church invites us to pay special attention to the ambo from which it is proclaimed. It is not a functional piece of furniture, but a place that is in keeping with the dignity of the word of God, in correspondence with the altar: in fact, we speak of the table of God's word and the table of the Body of Christ, referring both to the ambo and especially to the altar. The purpose of this Note is to help reawaken, in the light of the Sunday of the Word of God, an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God. "God's word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life". *From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 17 December 2020*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE**  
**Sunday 11am** Dermot Matthews; Kitty Myles.

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

**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.

**Saturday 6:30pm** Patricia Lenehan.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 295  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 345  
**Donore Fund Account:**  
**IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44**



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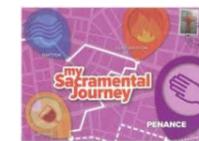
## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Lotto: 2, 7, 9, 14** No Jackpot winner  
Consolation prizes €50 Eugene Ward  
Next week's jackpot €3,780.  
**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](mailto: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 13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> 2024** Blessing of the graves will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm in Donore old Cemetery, 5pm Leck Cemetery and 6:30pm in Knockcommon Cemetery. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Donore Cemetery. Please note that no individual mass intentions will be taken cemetery Sunday weekend as all masses will be offered for those buried in our cemeteries.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024 Theme: Catholic Schools: Communities of Service.** During the week our parish schools will be engaged in a programme of events celebrating our Catholic Faith identity. *Grandparents Day* is a highlight of the week and we acknowledge and thank them as our special teachers of faith, hope and love to our children! We thank and support all our schools with our prayers and we also acknowledge the school Boards of Management who gave voluntary of their time in overseeing the tremendous work of our principals and staff in our parish schools. Check out all that is happening at primary and secondary level this week on [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie) #catholicschoolsweek.



**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 celebrate the Word of God.

**PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES** From the very origins of the Church, Christians have contributed not only to gathering for the Sunday Liturgy of the breaking of the Word and the breaking of Bread but also by their monetary or gifted support to the Faith Community and assistance to those most in need. 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 every week on the Parish Newsletter so if you would prefer to set up your weekly, monthly or annual contribution in this way please do, and also check with the Caroline in the Parish Office that it has gone through. Every person's or family's contribution and every little offering 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. The new Parish Envelope Boxes are due to begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. So as it is time again to distribute the new set of Parish Envelope Boxes and we are most grateful to the volunteers who assist with the distribution throughout the parish. Thanks again to everyone, your support is greatly appreciated.



**BE A PRIEST IN OUR DIOCESE!** On Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Bishop Deenihan will ordain Anthony Kerr to the Diaconate in Saint Mary's Church, Drogheda at 7pm. A native of Navan, Anthony is currently on Pastoral Placement in Drogheda. Anthony will be ordained to the Priesthood next year. Let us keep Anthony in our prayers at this time and pray too for those who are discerning a call to priesthood and religious life.



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024** The chosen theme is *'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'* (Lk 10:27) The resources for the 2024 Week of Prayer were compiled by the Holy See together with Churches and other Christian communities in Burkina Faso, under the theme "Go and do likewise". This is drawn from the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel (Luke 10:25-37). The resources (including resources in the Irish language) are available on this link (prepared for us by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland): [Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 (ctbi.org.uk)) Let us continue to pray and work for greater unity among all Christians across the world and, especially, here in our own country. In doing so, may we unite ourselves to the prayer of Jesus himself on the night before his death when he prayed '...that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me' (John 17:21).

On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Priests and Religious of the Diocese will gather with Bishop Deenihan to celebrate the blessing of candles and sung Vespers in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar at 4pm. This year, the celebration will also mark the fortieth anniversary of Bishop Smith's Ordination as Bishop of Meath. That is a significant milestone which should be celebrated and we wish Bishop Michael many more years of health and happiness. All parishioners are welcome to attend this celebration.

