



NEWSLETTER SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm



POPE FRANCIS: MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2024

“It is not good that man should be alone”.
Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships.

“We do well to listen once more to the words of the Bible: ‘It is not good for man to be alone!’ God spoke those words at the beginning of creation and thus revealed to us the profound meaning of his project for humanity, but at the same time, the mortal wound of sin, which creeps in by generating suspicions, fractures, divisions and consequently isolation. Sin attacks persons and all their relationships: with God, with themselves, with others, with creation. Such isolation causes us to miss the meaning of our lives; it takes away the joy of love and makes us experience an oppressive sense of being alone at all the crucial passages of life, [...] We Christians in particular are called to adopt the compassion-filled gaze of Jesus. Let us care for those who suffer and are alone, perhaps marginalized and cast aside. With the love for one another that Christ the Lord bestows on us in prayer, especially in the Eucharist, let us tend the wounds of solitude and isolation. In this way, we will cooperate in combating the culture of individualism, indifference and waste, and enable the growth of a culture of tenderness and compassion.” *see www.vatican.va for full text*

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am *World day of the Sick – Blessing of Hands* Missa pro populo.

Tuesday *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9-10am*

Ash Wednesday 9am - Day of prayer, fast & abstinence (7pm Mass in St Cianán’s Church, Duleek)

Thursday 9am Missa pro populo.

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Sunday 11am Joe Haggins

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6:30pm Sean Naughton 1st Ann.

Saturday 6:30pm Peter & Mary Harding; Jack Waters

Blessed ashes will be available on Ash Wednesday in all our churches. If you are unable to attend Mass try to visit a church during the day; pray before the Cross and the Lenten Garden as we begin the journey of Lent, seeking the merciful love of God.



As we begin Lent 2024 let us be courageous witnesses to the example of Jesus by imitating His wilderness or desert experience which he undertook before he began the three years of his public mission which ultimately led him to Jerusalem and his Passion, Death and Resurrection! As he prayed, we pray; as he fasted, we fast, as he give of himself and took on the Gospel mission, we give of our charity and take on renewed Christian purpose! Set aside an extra bit of time for prayer, daily Mass, or charity work. Maybe set up a sacred space/altar in your home with the Bible at the centre and use the Trocaire Box as a visible reminder of how fortunate we are and of what we can share with those whose needs are greater. And of course we traditionally give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Social Media time as a way of fasting for Lent! Remember that as Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday and if possible every Wednesday, so perhaps you might also consider keeping this practice for Lent! *Could you spend one hour a week in Adoration? During Lent there will be mass every Wednesday morning at 7.30am in St Cianán’s Church. Lectio Divina (sharing the Gospel) will also take place in the room inside the porch of St. Cianan’s Church every Tuesday at 10-10:30am. On Friday evenings at 6pm following the Angelus, Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Cianán’s Church. On Saturdays from 5-6pm Guided Holy Hour, followed by Confessions. Perhaps invite your spouse or family or even a friend to join with you in attending some of these Lenten events. Maybe offer to travel together from the other faith communities of Bellewstown, Donore and Rossnaree to participate in Christian solidarity as we recall the words of Jesus, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with you”. In each of our churches a Cross will be displayed for Lent; whatever crosses you may be carrying, please come and place your pain or burden or affliction or addiction before Jesus, as we make this journey of Lent 2024.*

Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. www.trocaire.org

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 Duleek next 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!

CONFIRMATION 2024 At Baptism they were called by name and now with a new name they will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Tom on Tuesday 20th February. **Next Saturday the 17th February, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession will be available for all candidates and their families in the Church of St. Cianán, Duleek from 3-4pm.** It is a moment along the journey to humbly acknowledge our need to seek forgiveness from God and from others whom we haven't loved as Christ has asked us to. It is not what we have to say, as God knows it all, but rather about what we receive, the grace of God afresh in our lives as we prepare to celebrate the out pouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

KNOW YOUR CHILD Parents in the wider community are invited to the Duleek Girls & Boys NS on Tuesday 13th Feb at 7pm for a Parents Session entitled "Know Your Child". Speakers including the local Garda, Juvenile Liaison Officer and the HSE Suicide Prevention Officer.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 420
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 345
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: 1, 11, 17, 18 No Jackpot winner
Consolation prizes €50 Leo Morgan
Next week’s jackpot €3,850

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.

Annual Duleek Cystic Fibrosis 10K Remembrance Run/Walk on 28/04/2024 @ 2:00pm. Save the date.

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



