



NEWSLETTER THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm

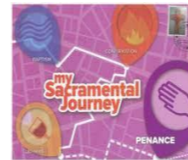


LENT 2024 Think about some of the following to do! An hour of Adoration? On Saturdays from 5-6pm Guided Holy Hour, followed by Confessions. Mass every Wednesday morning at 7.30am in St Cianán's Church. Lectio Divina (sharing the Gospel) St. Cianan's Church every Tuesday at 10-10:30am. Friday evenings at 6pm Stations of the Cross St. Cianán's Church. 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.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Such ministry is indeed a privilege service in the Faith Community and we are very grateful for all who assist in these various Ministries. For ongoing formation and reflection we invite **All** Ministers to attend the following scheduled gatherings to be in held in the church in which they minister. If anyone would be interested in either if these ministries please discuss with Fr. Mark or contact the Parish Office. **Tuesday 19th March** Rossnaree 7pm and Donore 8pm. **Wednesday 20th March** Bellewstown 7pm and Duleek 8pm.



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 preparing for First Holy Communion and the recently Confirmed will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport for Lent, a time of doing some penance, remembering what Jesus has done for us! The celebrations of First Confessions will take place next Saturday.

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** Missa pro populo.
- Friday 9am** Missa pro populo. **Stations of the Cross @ 6pm St Cianán's Church, Duleek**
- Sunday 11am** Rose Lawlor; Joe Doonan.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

- Saturday 6:30pm** Paddy Kinsella; Teresa Smith.
- Saturday 6:30pm** Missa pro populo.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 343
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 445
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.



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND;
Anne Ebbs, Castlebellingham, formerly Donore.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 2, 7, 10, 16 No Jackpot winner
Consolation prizes €20 Bridget H, Martina Clarke & Caroline McDonnell Next week's jackpot €3,900

St Vincent de Paul Church gate collection will be held at all Masses this weekend 2nd and 3rd March.

Drogheda And District Men's Shed wish to invite retired and semi-retired men to join their shed. Why not drop by Monday-Friday 9am-1.30pm and check out the seven acre site and amenities. The kettle is always on and families and pets are always welcome. The men's shed is situated next door to Roadstone Quarry on Drogheda to Donore Road with Bus No. 163 stopping several times daily. For more information contact 041 98 00078.

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

SYNOD FEEDBACK INVITATION A series of meetings is planned for the coming weeks across the diocese of Meath to offer feedback on the Synod which was held in Rome last October and to offer an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process which will inform the preparations for the Synod in Rome next October. All interested persons are invited to one of the following meetings: **Navan Parish Room, Wednesday 6th March or Ashbourne Parish Hall, Wednesday 13th March.** All meetings commence at 7:00pm and will be facilitated by the Meath Diocesan Synodal Team. Please be familiar with the document issued following the Synod last October called **Towards the 2024 Assembly** available on www.synod.va.

NAVAN CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL are hosting a Church Choir Competition aimed at all Choirs who perform regularly in their local Churches for Sunday Mass. Choirs are asked to perform two liturgical pieces of their own choice for this competition. The winning Choir will be presented with the Bishop Deenihan Perpetual Cup and €250. Further details about this competition can be found on the website www.navanchoralfestival.com. All adult choral competitions will be held on 12th May.

IRISH EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE MESSAGE REGARDING THE REFERENDUMS ON MARCH 8TH

Upon his arrival in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families on 25 August 2018, Pope Francis met at Dublin Castle with representatives of civil, cultural and religious life, including the Taoiseach and members of the Government. Pope Francis said he was visiting Ireland to help families “reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God’s gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members, and the development of sound and flourishing social fabric”. He added, “Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means”. In this context, we wish to comment on the two important referendums on family and care which are taking place on the 8th of March 2024.

The Family Amendment – 39th Amendment (amending Article 41)

[] While ‘Marriage’ entails a public and legal commitment, the term ‘durable relationship’ is shrouded in legal uncertainty and is open to wide interpretation. It does not make sense that such an ambiguous reality would be considered ‘antecedent and superior to all positive law’ and acquire the same ‘inalienable and imprescriptible’ rights as those ascribed to the ‘family founded on marriage’. Various commentators have suggested that the term ‘durable relationship’ risks leading to unforeseen and unintended consequences.

The Care Amendment – 40th Amendment (deleting Article 41.2 and inserting a New Article 42B)

[] The proposed amendment would have the effect of abolishing all reference to motherhood in the Constitution and leave unacknowledged the particular and incalculable societal contribution that mothers in the home have made and continue to make in Ireland. The present constitutional wording does not in any way inhibit women from working or taking their proper place in social and public life. It does, however, respect the complementary and distinct qualities that arise naturally within the Family. The role of mothers should continue to be cherished in our Constitution.

The Importance of voting

Pope St John Paul II said in Ireland back in 1979: “The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation”. In a democracy that guarantees the freedom to vote, it is important that citizens cast their ballot on March 8th with matters of such importance at stake. As pastors, concerned for the common good as well as the moral and spiritual well-being of God’s People, we offer these reflections in order to help inform the consciences of Christians and others who are concerned to preserve and foster the dignity and value of family life and motherhood.

The full text is available on a sheet accompanying the Parish Newsletter this weekend.

