



# NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B*

**DONORE PARISH** WITH DULEEK PARISH  
*PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY*  
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## 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

**Sunday 11am** Rose Lawlor; Joe Doonan.

**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 12noon** St Patricks Day Missa pro populo

#### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

**Saturday 6:30pm** Missa pro populo

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Thank you, Lord, for all mothers. On this day let us think of them; Whether they are with us or gone to their heavenly reward. We think of their kindness, their compassion, their care for us and all their unconditional love. We pray that you will watch over them and support them in the joys and struggles of their daily lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
A Prayer for Mother's Day from The Family Book of Prayers

### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION) Congratulations to the children and their families who celebrated the joy of God’s forgiveness in making their first Confession today (Saturday).

Never hesitate in seeking the grace of this Sacrament, especially if things on your mind are weighing you down. Seek God’s sacramental forgiveness for our sins and go to confession. It does not matter how long it is since your last confession nor what you have to say! God’s love and mercy expressed in this Sacrament is unconditional; He only waits for you to restore your relationship with him and those around you. Think about going to Confession for Easter!



**THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT** Laetare Sunday marks the half way point on our Lenten Journey 2024. Laetare means ‘rejoice’! We rejoice in the unconditional love of God! We express our love in turn through the prayer, fasting and almsgiving we undertake as penance for our sins which ignored the love God has for us. Yet he is always merciful, always awaiting our return to Him as we recognise the folly of our ways, of our sins. Rejoice in the Lord! May these remaining weeks of Lent restore our relationship with God and one another as we appreciate the bond of communion Christ Jesus has made between heaven and earth, between us, the sons and daughters of God Our Father. “Come back to God with all your heart.” Let us pray for reconciliation and healing of relationships within the family! Rejoice in the Lord! May we all grow in appreciation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encourage others to experience anew the joy of God’s grace and merciful love.



**CHRISM MASS 2024** The Diocesan celebration of the Chrism Mass takes place at 7pm on Spy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar. Special invitation to those families who have relatives ministering as priests in the diocese or abroad. Also, it is a great occasion for the children who have received their Confirmation to see the new oils of Chrism, Baptism & the Sick being blessed. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Book your seat on the Parish Bus by contacting Caroline at the Parish Office by noon on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

**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 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 19<sup>th</sup> March** Rossnaree 7pm and Donore 8pm. **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** Bellewstown 7pm and Duleek 8pm.

**MEATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. The diocesan choir will accompany the pilgrimage. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) Tel.: 01 2410800



**LIGHT THE FIRE 2024** The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join us in Slane on St. Patrick’s Day. 5pm Vespers on the Hill of Slane and Rosary procession to the Church; 6pm Mass in St Patrick’s Church followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Event details: [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony) or 041 983 0441.

**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](http://www.navanchoralfestival.com). All adult choral competitions will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 265  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 382  
**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: 7, 20, 21, 25** No Jackpot winner  
Consolation prizes €25 Frank Gogarty & Patsy S  
Next week’s jackpot €3,920

**Donore Rossnaree Drama** presents SEPARATE BEDS a comedy by Sam Cree in Droichead Art Centre at 8pm on Tue 12th March in aid of Meath River Rescue; Wed 13<sup>th</sup> in aid of Motor Neurone; Thur 14<sup>th</sup> in aid of Donore N S; Fri 15<sup>th</sup> in aid of St Brigid's & St Patrick's NS; Sat 16<sup>th</sup> in aid of Donore Rossnaree group. Tickets €15 from Droichead Art Centre. If interested in taking part on stage or back stage please contact any of the cast.

**Duleek Community First Responders** group are holding a fundraising table quiz in The Carranstown Lodge, Duleek on Thursday 28th March starting at 9pm. Tickets Easter raffle are now on sale priced €2 each or book of 6 for €10, from all responders, Haven pharmacy Duleek and Duleek Dry Cleaners.

**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. 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](http://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](http://www.dioseseofmeath.ie)



