

"Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal - is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves. This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom. To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him." Pope Francis Message for Vocations Sunday 2024



CEMETERY SUNDAY WEEKEND JULY 13TH/14TH 2024

Blessing of the graves will take place on Saturday 13th July at 4pm in Donore old Cemetery, 5pm Leck Cemetery and 6:30pm in Knockcommon Cemetery. On Sunday 14th 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.

ALTAR SERVERS Being an altar server is a brilliant job at Mass! Altar servers lend a hand getting everything ready in the church before Mass time. They help the priest and all the people to celebrate the Mass. Altar servers can also help at funerals and weddings too! Altar servers keep an eye to make sure the bells are rung at the right time, reminding everyone it's a special moment in the Mass. They look after the books, the chalice, the candles and many other things as well. Usually kids can begin altar serving once they have made their first Holy Communion. You can start at any age and keep serving even when at secondary school. So if you'd like to be an altar server discuss with your parents and then please ask any of the priests at Mass!

TÚS are hoping to help local individuals through their "help together " Project. This project will cover areas such as doing small errands within the village, getting out of cars at church/shops/ GP, Pharmacy, community centre etc, carrying shopping from shop door to the car/house door, helping individuals with literacy issues, library, link with local assist groups. If you need help with any of the following, please contact the Tus Supervisor in your area on 085 8342354 for further information.

MEATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES THE Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. Fares start from €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. www.joewalshtours.ie Tel.: 01 2410800

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Phyllis Elliott; James & Elizabeth Finnegan.

•		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Missa pro populo
Thursday	9am	Missa pro populo
Friday	9am	Missa pro populo
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11am Ivor Bell: Cormac Everard. Sunday

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE **6.30pm** Richard Crinion. Saturday

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6.30pm George Tully; Oliver Sheils.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 238 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 356 **Donore Fund Account:** IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



If you have no cash you can just scan your phone over this OR code to contribute to the basket collection.

COMMUNITY NOTICES Lotto: 4, 15, 24, 26 No Jackpot winner Consolation prizes €50 Siobhan Conway Next week's jackpot €4,040



THE REGINA COELI Queen of Heaven,

rejoice, alleluia. For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia. Has risen as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Let us pray: O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (The Regina Coeli is recited in place of the Angelus during the Easter season, from *Easter Sunday until Pentecost)*

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

Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm

VOCATION'S SUNDAY 2024

This weekend is the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Offertory Collection is for the education of our seminarians, vocations promotion and support in the diocese of Meath. Your contribution is most appreciated and we seek your continual prayers for those discerning the Lord's prompting to serve the People of God as a priest in our diocese. Please keep Anthony Kerr, Mark Caffery, Martin Smith and Nicola Tamburrino studying in Rome and Maynooth and others discerning a vocation to the Diocesan priesthood in your prayers. For more information on becoming a priest in the Diocese of Meath see www.dioceseofmeath.ie or contact Fr Mark.