



DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH
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Tuesday – Thursday 10am-5pm

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Eamonn Greene; Pat & Catherine McKane.

Tuesday 9am Helen Thornton *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday 9am Missa pro populo.

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First Friday 9am Parish List of the Dead.

Sunday 11am Celia Brady 1st Ann; Jim Redmond.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6.30pm Agnes, Nicholas, John, May & Nicholas (Jnr) Gogan.

Saturday 6.30pm Christopher Nugent; Michael & Claire Reilly; Willie & Kathleen Nugent; John Mongey.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

This Thursday Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound in Duleek and Fr Declan will call to Donore.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 381
 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 524
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 Brady, Sheephouse, Drogheda.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 1, 10, 17, 21

Jackpot winner Patrick McLoone & Sharon Brereton

Next week's jackpot €2,280

Irish Heart Foundation are offering free blood pressure and pulse checks on Wednesday 31st July from 9.30am-4.15pm in Kentstown Village Park, Navan Road, Kentstown C15 EHT2. Everyone is welcome, no appointment required. Find out more on irishheart.ie

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.dioceseofmeath.ie



WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY 28TH JULY 2024

“Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. *Ps 71:9*) This is the fourth year of the newest celebration in the liturgical calendar for us Catholics. As grandparents and grandchildren enjoy their summer holidays, savouring the precious gift of life and love shared together let us come before God giving thanks with a gesture of faith, hope and love. Every Friday for the summer grandparents are invited to bring their grandchildren living close by or staying for sleep overs or on holidays, to the morning 9:30am Mass in our parish. Frs. Mark, Declan & Francis will focus upon this sacred bond between the generations. Check out www.catholicgrandparents.org for more.

Message of Pope Francis: “In many older persons we can observe the sense of resignation described in the Book of Ruth, which tells the story of the elderly Naomi who, after the death of her husband and children, encourages her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, to return to their native towns and their homes (cf. *Ruth 1:8*). Naomi – like many elderly people today – is afraid of remaining alone, yet she cannot imagine anything different. As a widow, she knows that she is of little value in the eyes of society; she sees herself as a burden for those two young woman who, unlike herself, have their whole lives before them. For this reason, she considers it best to step aside, and so she tells her young daughters-in-law to leave her and to build a future in other places (cf. *Ruth 1:11-13*). Her words reflect the rigid social and religious conventions of her day, which apparently seal her own fate. The biblical narrative then presents us with two different responses to Naomi’s words and to old age itself. One of the two daughters-in-law, Orpah, who loves Naomi, kisses her and, accepting what seemed the only solution possible, goes her way. Ruth, however, does not leave Naomi’s side and, to her surprise, tells her: “Do not press me to leave you” (*Ruth 1:16*). Ruth is not afraid to challenge customs and inbred patterns of thought. She senses that the elderly woman needs her and she courageously remains at her side in what will be the start of a new journey for both. To all of us, who are accustomed to the idea that solitude is our unavoidable lot, Ruth teaches that in response to the plea “Do not abandon me”, it is possible to say, “I will not abandon you”. Ruth does not hesitate to subvert what seemed to be an irreversible situation: living alone need not be the only alternative! Not by chance, Ruth – who remained at the side of the elderly Naomi – was an ancestor of the Messiah (cf. *Mt 1:5*), of Jesus, Immanuel, “God with us”, the one who brings God’s own closeness and proximity to all people, of all ages and states of life. Ruth’s freedom and courage invite us to take a new path. Let us follow in her footsteps. Let us set out with this young foreign woman and the elderly Naomi, and not be afraid to change our habits and imagine a different kind of future for our elderly. May we express our gratitude to all those people who, often at great sacrifice, follow in practice the example of Ruth, as they care for an older person or simply demonstrate daily closeness to relatives or acquaintances who no longer have anyone else. Ruth, who chose to remain close to Naomi, was then blessed with a happy marriage, a family, a new home. This is always the case: by remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings! On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families.”

SACRAMENTS 2025 As we celebrate Grandparents Day it is an important moment to appreciate the gift of faith which has been passed on from generation to generation. Together let us encourage one another as families and parishioners to share the sacred gift of faith, hope and love we hold in God, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. May those who have children for Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year make a commitment today to take the time every weekend to attend Mass and each day at home to take the time to gather for some prayers together, thanking God for the blessings received and for the grace to cope when in need. Amen.

DULEEK & DONORE PARISHES PILGRIMAGE 2024 Last year we walked the Pilgrim Path at Lough Derg and visited St. Patrick’s Purgatory Island (without fasting!)! This year we again follow St. Patrick as we make our Pilgrimage to Downpatrick. Recognised as the burial place of St. Patrick we will participate in a stretch of a newly established Camino, have input from a guide and visit the Saint Patrick Centre which is the only permanent exhibition in the World about Ireland’s Patron Saint and experience an amazing multimedia exhibition. We will celebrate Mass along the way and take time for usual picnic etc. **If interested in participating please keep Sat 17th August free and book your seat on the bus by contacting Caroline at the Parish office.** Cost for the bus is by donation, there will be an entry fee for the Centre. Come along and join us!



