



NEWSLETTER FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

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Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Noel Lynch; Tony Murphy; James, Mary & Philip Murphy.

Tuesday 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9am Missa pro populo.

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Friday 9am Missa pro populo.

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.

Sunday 11am Anthony Doonan; Nuala Goodman; Maurice Stanley.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6pm Christy Hand; Michael & Ronan McDonnell.

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MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 379
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 295
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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

087-0931068

Annual Christmas Appeal Church gate collection will take place this weekend outside all churches.



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY; Gabriella Souza Cafolla.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 11, 14, 21, 23

Jackpot €1,440 – no winner

€25 Ryan & Chloe Howard and Sinead Greene

Next week's jackpot €1,460

Donore National School are hosting a Christmas Fair this Sunday 1st December 11am-4pm. Lots of crafts, music and delicious treats. Your support is greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome.

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

ADVENT This weekend the new Liturgical Year of the Church begins, as do our preparations for Christmas. Let us



focus more on the gift of faith and less on the gifts we worry and fret about buying! Make the time for lighting an Advent Wreath at home each day or for opening the doors on the Advent Calendar as we count down to Jesus' birthday. Pause and pray the Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of love and salvation. Think more of the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2024! Fr. Mark will host a meeting in St Cianán's Church, Duleek every Thursday morning from 10-10.30am for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. Just have a bible handy to aid your participation. We encourage young adults to join in and explore a little more the Word of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the Word of God made incarnate in Christ Jesus. The Parish Pastoral Assembly have prepared Jesse Tree symbols for the First Holy Communion children to make ready to decorate the Jesse Tree over the four weeks of Advent. At home perhaps engage with your children or grandchildren in preparing an advent wreath or having an advent calendar to count down the days of Advent until it is time to celebrate Jesus' birthday! Let us all think of how we might make these weeks of Advent a fitting spiritual journey in preparation for Christmas.



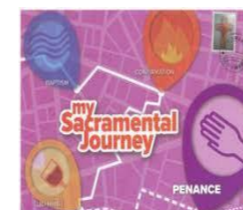
Pope Francis, commemorating 350 years since the revelation by Jesus of his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alogue, has written Dilexit Nos – on the Human & Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.

“It is essential to realize that our relationship to the Person of Jesus Christ is one of friendship and adoration, drawn by the love represented under the image of his heart. We venerate that image, yet our worship is directed solely to the living Christ, in his divinity and his plenary humanity, so that we may be embraced by his human and divine love. Whatever the image employed, it is clear that the living heart of Christ – not its representation – is the object of our worship, for it is part of his holy risen body, which is inseparable from the Son of God who assumed that body forever. We worship it because it is

“the heart of the Person of the Word, to whom it is inseparably united”. Nor do we worship it for its own sake, but because with this heart the incarnate Son is alive, loves us and receives our love in return. Any act of love or worship of his heart is thus “really and truly given to Christ himself”, since it spontaneously refers back to him and is “a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ”. For this reason, it should never be imagined that this devotion may distract or separate us from Jesus and his love. In a natural and direct way, it points us to him and to him alone, who calls us to a precious friendship marked by dialogue, affection, trust and adoration. The Christ we see depicted with a pierced and burning heart is the same Christ who, for love of us, was born in Bethlehem, passed through Galilee healing the sick, embracing sinners and showing mercy. The same Christ who loved us to the very end, opening wide his arms on the cross, who then rose from the dead and now lives among us in glory.” Full text on www.vatican.va



JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE 21ST – 28TH MAY 2025 Join with Duleek, Donore & Ashbourne Parishes on this *Joe Walsh Tours* pilgrimage under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Mark & Fr. Michael. Taking pilgrims to some of France's most special sanctuaries and places of magnificent beauty, including Ars-sur-Formans, Paray-le-Monial, Nevers, Lisieux, Tours and Paris. The pilgrimage will begin in the village of Ars, home of the St. Jean-Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. From Ars pilgrims travel to Paray-le-Monial, one of the most visited religious sites in France. Here 350 years ago St Margaret Mary Alacoque received the apparitions from Our Lord, revealing His Most Sacred Heart. The next stop is Nevers, where St Bernadette Soubirous joined the Sisters of Charity from Lourdes in 1866. We will visit the convent where the incorrupt body of St Bernadette rests. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Loire Valley and the Shrine of St Martin in Tours is also part of the pilgrimage. In Lisieux we will visit the places associated with St. Theresé, as we mark the centenary of her canonisation in 1925. We will also visit the town of Alençon, where she was born. The final stop will be Paris, where we will have the opportunity to see the restored Notre Dame Cathedral which reopens this Advent, visit the Rue de Bac, Shrine of the Miraculous Medal revealed by Our Lady to St. Catherine Labouré and time permitting see the Basilica of Sacré Coeur, in Montmartre. Costs for 7 nights €1,339 pp. For more information about this Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage please contact Caroline in the Parish Office or book directly tel: 01-2410800 email: info@joewalshstours.ie. www.joewalshstours.ie. **Limited places available so please book as soon as you can to guarantee your place.**



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 2025. This weekend the children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we prepare the way for Jesus in our home this Christmas.

