NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B* 15TH DECEMBER 2024

DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH
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MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday **11am** Bernadette Bell M.M; Noel Martin; John & Fiona Martin & dec Martin & Reilly families; James, Clare & Jim Reilly.

Tuesday **9am** ***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***
Wednesday **9am** Missa pro populo.
Thursday **9am** Missa pro populo.
Friday **9am** Thomas & Ita Knight; Anne Walker.

Sunday **11am** Rosaleen Sheerin.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE
Saturday **6pm** Maisie & Pat McGauran; John & May Smith & dec family; Mary Tully.

Saturday **6pm** Missa pro populo.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 239
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 493
Donore Fund Account:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 1, 5, 7, 24
Jackpot €1,480 – no winner
€25 Martina Clarke & Mary Martin
Next week's jackpot €1,500

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT St. Therésè's Church, Bellewstown Sunday 22nd December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas. Refreshments afterwards in Bellewstown Hall. Everyone welcome.

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*

ADVENT Make the time for lighting an Advent candle or 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. Remember 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.

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB As we bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from our family cribs for a blessing at our Masses, let us focus on the reality of how Jesus was born in a stable! As we do so let us count our blessings for the comforts we have in the place we call home! Let us also remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have no such comforts in so many parts of our world this Christmas Season.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend you are welcome to seek the grace of this sacrament of healing. It is not necessary about saying anything, as God knows all, but humbly receiving the merciful love of God who unconditionally pardons our sins and rejoices in our being renewed in His abundant grace!

Let's stop what we are doing and be reconciled with God and one another! Please encourage family and friends to come back to God with all their hearts as we prepare for Christmas.

Confessions for Christmas in St. Cianán's Duleek
Saturday 21st Dec. 12-1pm & 6-7pm
Christmas Eve 11-12noon

Pope Francis' reflection at the Angelus, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's Square 8th December 2024 Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and happy feast day! Today, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Gospel tells us about one of the most important, most beautiful moments in the history of humanity: the Annunciation (cf. *Lk* 26-38), when Mary's "yes" to the Archangel Gabriel permitted the Incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus. It is a scene that inspires the greatest wonder and emotion because God, the Most High, the Omnipotent, by means of the Angel converses with a young girl from Nazareth, asking for her collaboration for His plan of salvation. If today you find a little time, look in the Gospel of Saint Luke and read this scene. I assure you that it will do you good, a lot of good! [ ] Brothers and sisters, contemplating this mystery we can ask ourselves: in our time, ravaged by wars and bent on the effort to possess and dominate, where do I place my hope? In strength, in money, in powerful friends? Do I place my hope there? Or in God's infinite mercy? And in the face of the shiny false models circulating in the media and on the internet, where do I look for my happiness? Where is the treasure of my heart? Is it in the fact that God loves me freely, that His love always goes before me, and is ready to forgive me when I return repentant to Him? In that filial hope in God's love? Or am I deluding myself in trying to assert my ego and my will at all costs? Brothers and sisters, as the opening of the Holy Door of the Jubilee approaches, let us open the doors of the heart and the mind to the Lord. He is born of Mary Immaculate: let us implore the intercession of Mary. And I will give you a piece of advice. Today it is a good day to decide to make a good Confession. If you cannot go today, this week, until next Sunday, open your heart and the Lord will forgive everything, everything, everything. And so, in Mary's hands, we will be happier.

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. 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@joewalshtours.ie. wwwjoewalshtours.ie.